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to the students:
past, present and future.
for without you,
we are nothing.

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We weren't the pioneers through the
entrance gates.

We didn't know the people the
buildings are named after.

We aren't the first ones to climb to
the fourth floor of Kyser.

We are part of something bigger.
We are continuing along
a path others created.
We are learning in an establishment
that has surpassed the test of time.

As our veins turn purple, the spirit
of Northwestern grows in us.
We have begun our journey
along the purple line.
We have joined the students of
the past.

More will follow. For years to come,
others will travel the same path we
walked today.

But for now, it's our time to
do as we please
and to make the most of it.
Today is our day to create history.



NSU stands on ground that has been dedicated to learning for more than 100 years. A portion of the present campus was property of the Bullard family and the Religious Society of the Sacred Heart used the Bullard family mansion as a convent. Three of the four great white columns that once supported the east gable of the Bullard mansion stand on "The Hill" and often serve as the unofficial symbols of the university.



During the past 60 years, Normal has played a dominant role in educational development throughout the state. These years saw Normal grow from humble beginnings to full teachers' college status. But they also made increasing demands upon her, and they furnished her with new opportunities in ever-broadening fields. So it became necessary for Normal to add extensive new programs to her traditional one of training teachers and "Normal" became "Northwestern State College of Louisiana." It is with pride that we dedicate this book to the future greatness of Northwestern State-our College that is old and rich in traditions, but strong and imbued with the spirit of youth as she stands on the threshold of a new era in her history, an era filled with great promise, with new responsibilities and vastly widening opportunities.

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October 21, 1983, Students stood in awe and disbelief as they watched a part of Northwestern's history go up in flames. Caldwell Hall housed many offices and a wealth of information and educational materials. Vice President Southerland called the fire "A tremendous loss, not only because of the records, files and equipment, classroom and office space that were lost, but also because of the enormous historic value of the building." The fire, undermined in cause, took a great deal from our past.



Robert F. Kennedy Jr. headlined the 10th annual Research Day in 1998. Kennedy, the chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, addressed the impact that Americans suffer from the economic, cultural, medical and agricultural effects of environmental injury. He is best known for his successful legal defense of the environment in prosecuting governments and companies for polluting the Hudson River and Long Island Sound.

Academics

College of Business

preparation for the workforce

With its multiple concentrations, accredited curriculum and professional staff, the College of Business is known for preparing students to be successful in their future workplace.

Tyler Mitchell, freshman business major, said he decided to attend NSU mainly because of the College of Business' reputation.

"My favorite thing about the college of business is my teachers and the staff," Mitchell said. "So far, all of the people that have taught me or that I have gone to for any kind of help have been real straight forward and kind. They take interest in the students they teach."

The College of Business offers three concentrations: accounting, business administration and computer information systems (CIS). The college first appeared as a business education component in the 1930s when NSU was a State Normal School. The former business division of NSU officially became the College of Business with accreditation in 1996.

"The college is accredited, which requires adherence to rigorous guidelines and standards that affect courses offered and both student and faculty requirements," Dr. Jerry Wall, dean of the College of Business, said.

The classes' curriculum is heavily linked to the Internet and electronic technology of today, Wall said. The college does this in order to secure students' understanding and skills once they enter the workforce.

"The curriculum is challenging," Jonathan Watson, junior business major, said. "It makes you think and take

responsibility."

Among the tough curriculum courses, students have the chance to attend classes that appeal to the fun side of business. Real estate classes require students to appraise a house. Small business and entrepreneurship classes give students the knowledge and awareness of owning and operating their own business.

Watson also said he likes the versatility a business degree offers. He said he would be able to use his degree in whatever field he pursues in the future.

Large companies such as Disney, State Farm and Wal-Mart, recruit from the College of Business, giving students the opportunity for internships and future employment.

"It really shows that our college is worthwhile and can produce quality students and compete with top-notch schools," Devon Drake, senior CIS major, said.

Drake had an internship with Wal-Mart, which he initiated by a visit to its booth during a job fair held in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom. Drake said he received other job offers based on his Wal-Mart internship and the company's interest in NSU students.

The demanding curriculum and professors' high expectations prepare students for the reality of the workforce, which require students to build a strong work ethic and responsible nature that will help them in years to come.

- Taylor Graves



(Above) Dr. Mark Schaub, associate professor of business, lectures during a business finance class in the State Farm Companies Foundation lecture room on the second floor of Russell Hall. The College of Business has a few oversized lecture rooms to accommodate large classes and for students to use for group presentations.





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(Above) Stephonie Jordon and Samuel Spence, senior business administration majors, sit in the courtyard in front of Russell Hall after a class. Students hang out in the courtyard in between classes.

(Left) Chris Wotts, senior journalism major, approaches Borboro Russell, instructor in the College of Business, during a web design class. Web design teaches students of multiple majors HTML coding and how to build websites using Expression Web.

(Bottom) Dr. Terry Bechtel, associate professor of accounting, writes on the board during Federal income tax class. Accounting is one of the three degrees offered from the College of Business. The other two are CIS and business administration.

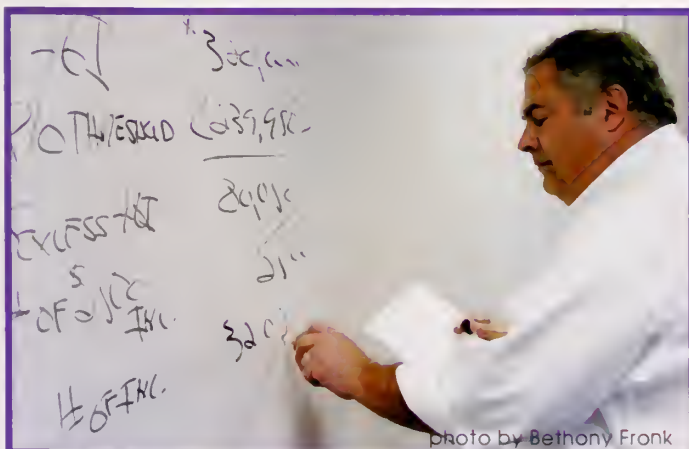


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College of Education

Where it all began

"Training teachers is what Northwestern did. It was the only thing that Northwestern did," said Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education

Today NSU offers many different degree programs, but according to Gentry, NSU began in 1884 as an institution for training teachers. NSU was originally called The Louisiana State Normal School.

"There were no other degrees offered at that time, only that of training students to become teachers," Gentry said. "If you wanted to become a teacher in the late 1800s, this was the only place that you could come to."

Once these former students became teachers, many of them began their careers teaching in one-room schoolhouses, much like The Old Schoolhouse, according to the College of Education Web site.

The Old Schoolhouse, once called Nichols School, was established in 1906. It was located in Derry, Louisiana and was later donated to The Center for the History of Louisiana Education. The Old Schoolhouse currently sits atop a small hill right outside of the much newer Teacher Education Center (TEC).

Much has changed in the College of Education since 1884. Students can no longer become certified teachers with a two-year degree. Now they must possess at least a four-year degree. When students graduate and become educators, they no longer teach in one-room

schoolhouses, but find themselves in universities, middle schools and high schools.

The changes in the College of Education aren't only seen over a 100-year period but can also be seen in the short term.

"I have been the dean for four and a half years and I have seen a lot of changes," Gentry said. She added that the department has gained more faculty but it has also lost some students due to the Louisiana Board of Regents redesigning of all teacher education programs. Because the requirements were getting tougher, some students chose to pursue other majors.

"The state felt that the standards for becoming a certified teacher in Louisiana were not high or rigorous enough, so they specifically said that all universities that offer education degrees had to put in more content," she added.

Although the College of Education is continually changing, there has been one constant. The College of Education is still a huge part of NSU and teaching plays an intricate role in society.

Hollie Alvarez, senior speech education major said it best. "NSU desires to create good teachers because teaching is the profession that creates all others."

- Shelita Dalton



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(Above) The Old Schoolhouse, established in 1906 was donated to The Center for the History of Louisiana Education and moved to "The Hill" on the NSU campus in 1980. Until it closed in 1924, all grades were taught in one room, with only one teacher in charge of all classes.

(Right above) Pictured are aged books and an old microscope from the collection in the college of business.



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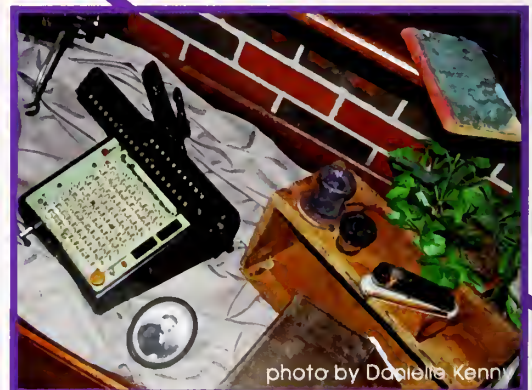


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(Right below) Displayed in a case are an aged calculator, stapler, books and glass containers. The College of Education holds a collection of aged school supplies to show the evolution of education.



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(Top) The Teacher Education Center (TEC) is the building in which education majors take their classes. The building also houses the Middle School Lab in a separate pod.

(Above) Allyce Hart, senior education major, student teaches a 2nd grade class at LP Vaughn Elementary School in Notchitaches. Hart taught the class about taste buds on the tongue by passing out candy and having groups of students say what type of flavor they had.

(Middle above) Dr. Martha Rhymes, assistant professor, describes a project during a reading methods class about an open-minded portrait project to do with children when teaching children's literature.

(Middle below) The collection in the College of Education has a photo of NSU and students from 1910 and other original artifacts like school bells.



photo by Kyle Froeba

Expanding Creativity

A plethora of possibilities

Liberal arts dates back to ancient Greece and has evolved into a course of study in institutions all over the world.

The Liberal Arts College has four departments: journalism, language and communications, psychology, and social work; and two schools: School of Creative and Performing Arts and School of Social Sciences. The college also offers one associate program, six bachelor programs, three master programs and pre-law as a pre-professional program.

The School of Creative and Performing Arts, the Department of Journalism and the Department of Social Work are all accredited.

New this fall, the criminal justice program became a separate department in the College of Liberal Arts.

"I love the variety of things we cover," Dr. Bill Housel, school of social sciences coordinator, said. "People fascinate me, and people are the focus here of the college."

Although the College of Liberal Arts is big in numbers, every school and department have the same agenda: scholarship, service learning and giving back to the community.

"We like to think of ourselves as student centered with a hands-on approach," Dr. Paula Furr, journalism department head, said. "Our primary focus is to teach, but we also have a requirement to perform obligations to service and scholarship."

- Tori Ladd

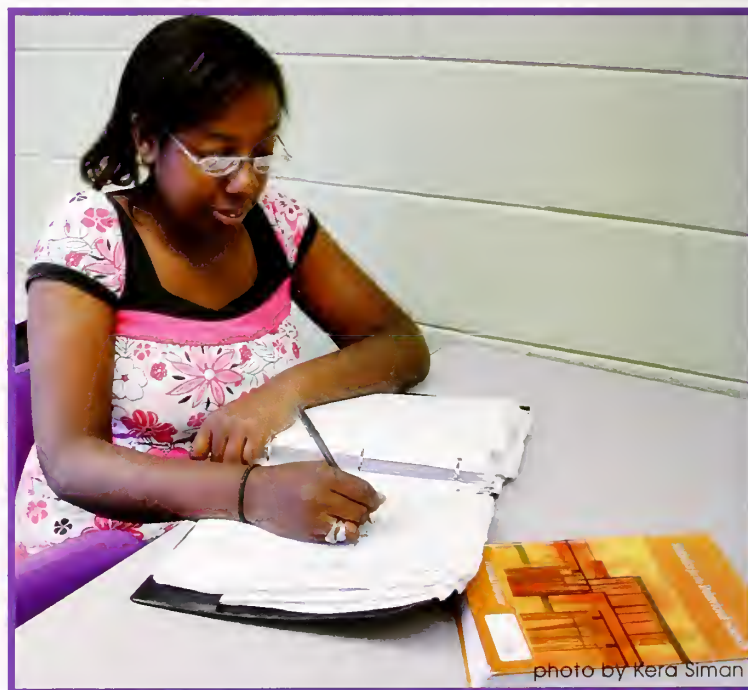


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(Top of Page) — Kaitlynn Vincent, Tyler Schmidt, Casey Bazenski, Annie Gaarder, Angela Kang and Dustin Gaspard practice during a tap dance class. The creative and performing arts department offers ballet, modern, jazz and tap classes for theatre and non-theatre major students.

(Above) Elisabeth Allisan, junior psychology major, studies her notes before statistics class. Statistics is offered through the psychology department, but it is required for other majors as well.



(Left) The Notchitoches Symphony Orchestra housed in the Creative and Performance Arts Department is a credited course for students. Each performer auditions for his or her seat in the orchestra, creating the elite group of music professionals.

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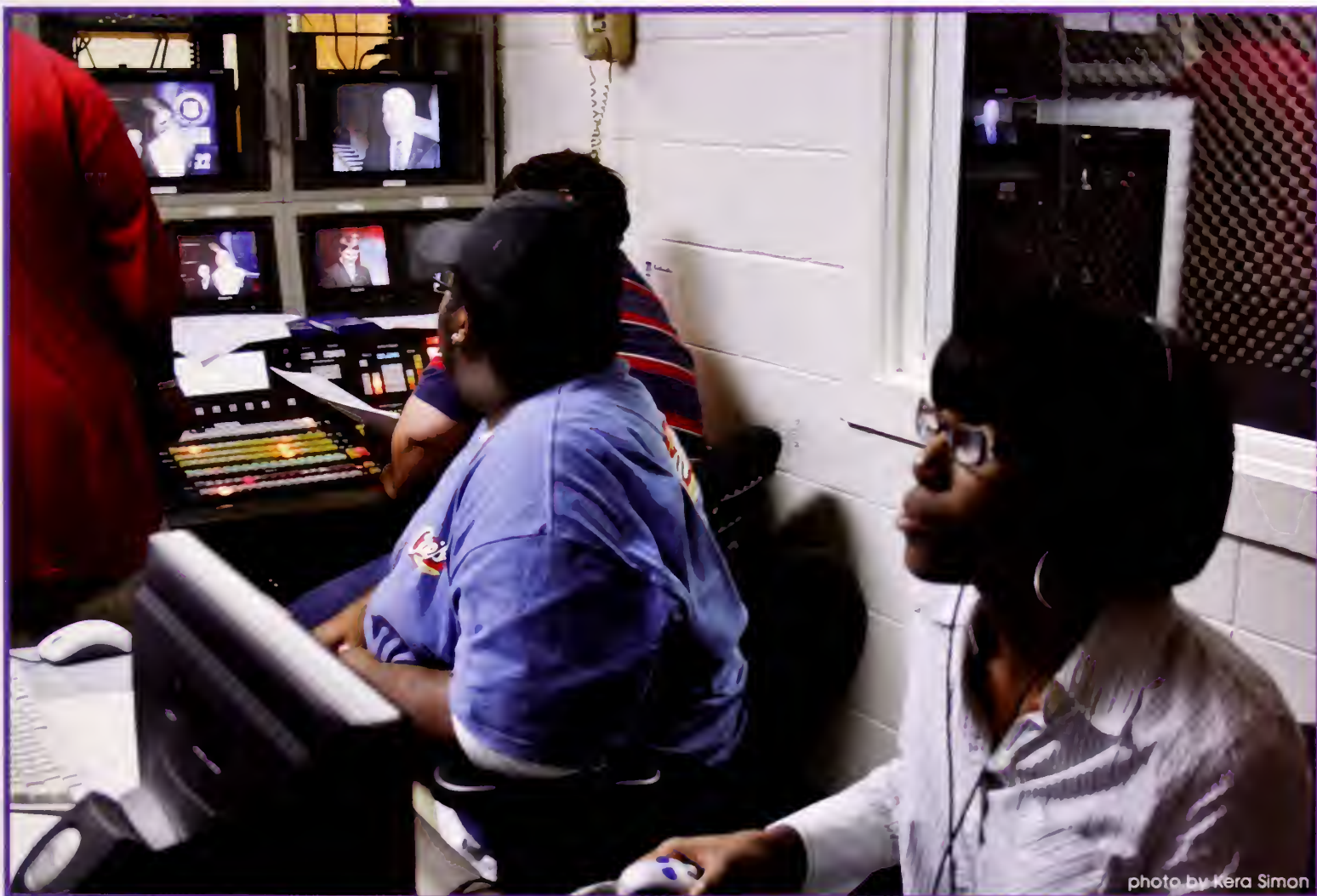


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(Above) Brandon Chotmon, senior criminal justice and journalism major, and Katrina Denmon, senior fashion merchandise major, work the audio and editing equipment for a live taping of NSU 22. The studio in Kyser Hall acts as a lab for journalism broadcast majors and minors.

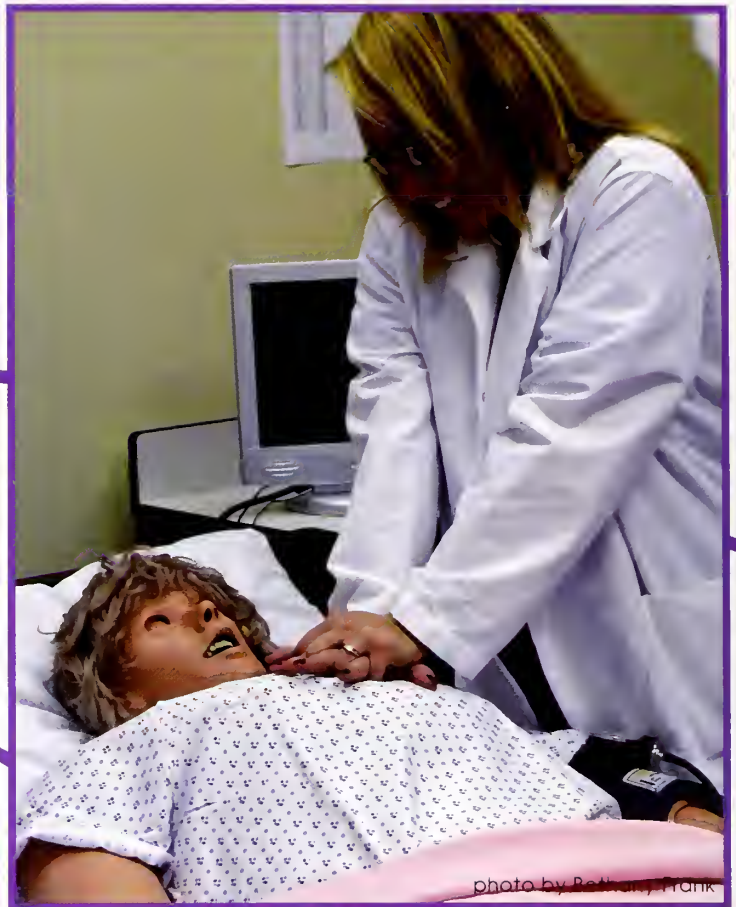


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(Above) Locey Jones practices her CPR techniques on a dummy in the lab. Nursing students have lab hours to practice technique before they venture out into the real hospitals.

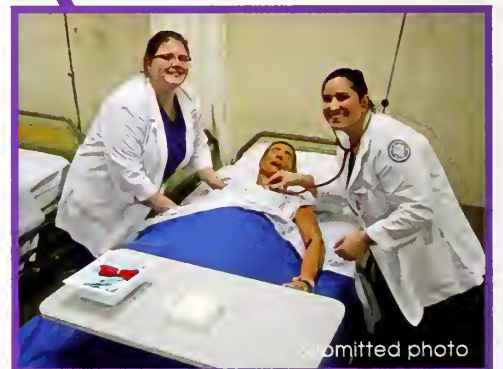


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(Above) Dono Guirlando and Whitney Deaton practice dressing a wound and proper sterile technique. Nursing students work together and help each other during lab hours.



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(Above) Emily Stripling and Megan Borro check on their dummy in the lab on the NSU nursing campus in Shreveport.



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(Above) Tiffany Nichols, April Roberts and Molly McInnis practice on a dummy in the lab. Nursing students also have a few days of every week when they work in hospitals to get hands-on experience with patients.



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(Above) Krysy Thomas and Sarah Cello work in the computer lab on the NSU Shreveport campus. Nursing students take regular lecture classes and have accessible computer labs.

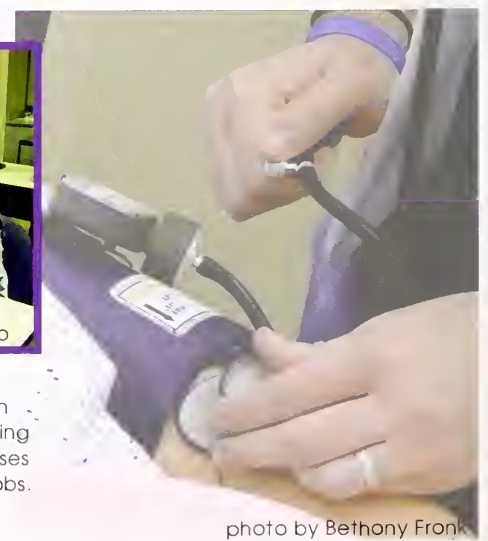


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Still Finding the Cure **60 years and going**

The College of Nursing celebrates its 60th anniversary since becoming the first baccalaureate-nursing program in the Louisiana State Education System. Additional programs for undergraduates and graduates have been added since its founding in 1949, including an Associate of Science in nursing, a Bachelor of Science in Radiological Sciences and a Master of Science in Nursing.

Since 1951, students have enrolled in the college's Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, which was the first offered in the state. The prestigious program offers an associate degree and a bachelor's degree.

To obtain an associate or bachelor's degree, a student must pass an exam and practice as an RN in what is known as clinicals. Dr. Narann Plancock, dean of nursing, said.

The associate degree, a two-year program, teaches basic nursing skills, while the four-year baccalaureate program offers students more in-depth training in management, leadership and complex nursing care.

Jennifer Guthrie, sophomore nursing major, has enjoyed the program and hopes to be accepted into clinicals in Fall 2010.

"I really like my classes," Guthrie said. "I find it very

interesting."

Garrison Nichols, junior nursing major, finished his classes and is in the first of five levels of clinicals.

"There's no time to do anything but study, but we have fun, especially in lab," Nichols said.

The Master of Science in Nursing degree, which prepares students to become advanced practice RNs, was added to the college in 1972.

The Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences was introduced in 1989 to the College of Nursing. It requires 124 semester hours and allows students the opportunity to become a radiology technologist.

The College of Nursing is offered at four NSU campuses: Natchitoches, Shreveport, CenLa and Leesville. However, the program is available only for dedicated nursing students.

"There are more people who want to get into the program than we have room for," Plancock said.

The College of Nursing has more to offer than just educational programs. Beta Chi began the first Louisiana Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society in Nursing. To be considered for membership, a student must be in the top third of his class and must be recommended by a current member.

- Sarah Cramer



photo by Danielle Kenny

Developing a Successful Tomorrow **using technologies of today**

The College of Science and Technology has really grown since its establishment in 1996.

"Before President Webb came, the university went through some pretty hard times," Dr. Austin Temple, dean of science and technology, said.

"[President Webb] reorganized the university into a structure that's more traditional, where you have department heads, you have deans and you have vice presidents," Temple said.

Today, eight departments make up the college: biology, chemistry and physics, engineering technology, family and consumer sciences, health and human performance, mathematics, military science and aviation science.

The college strives to help students during their studies in the hope they will continue to find success following graduation.

"We're training students for jobs or graduate school, and the material we're giving them and the courses, are current, so they should be able to transition directly into the workforce," Temple said.

Within the departments are several organizations created to give students learning experiences that go beyond the classroom.

JOVE, or 'joint venture,' began as a correlation

between NSU and NASA and offers scholarships to qualifying mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics majors and allows them to conduct research with their professors.

"[JOVE] gives undergraduates the opportunity to research from the beginning of their college careers," Dr. Frank Serio, mathematics professor and department head, said.

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps is for students interested in becoming officers in the Army and is not limited to students in the College of Science and Technology.

Cassie Cannon, junior history and psychology major, showed much interest in the program.

"I did the college thing for a while, and I always felt like I had a deeper purpose to give back," Cannon said. "I've always wanted to give back just as much as I can, and I think joining the military is going to help me serve that greater purpose."

In addition to JOVE and ROTC, the college offers several other programs for students to get involved in: Demon Math Classics, Inter-Disciplinary Experimentation and Scholarship, and biological field experiences.

- Sarah Cramer



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(Top Left) Students listen to their biology professor lecture on the human tongue. The tongue, the strongest muscle in the body, is made up of four sets of taste buds: bitter, salty, sweet and sour.

(Top Right) A student measures chemicals in a test tube during her chemistry class. It is very important to make sure the chemicals are measured correctly to avoid any possible mishaps.

(Above Left) The engineering department's 3D rapid printer (above right) creates three-dimensional objects out of cornstarch and glue.

(Left) Bobby Nowlin, assists Johnathon Spurgeon, senior industrial engineering major, with a 3-D imaging project.



photo by Danielle Kenny

"Olim doctus, semper doctus" once a scholar, always a scholar.

The state's designated honors' college in the liberal arts and sciences offers a different approach to learning than a typical college experience by creating more of an intimate learning environment, while still building a bridge to the NSU community.

"We care about learning, but we also care about people," Dr. Davina McClain, Scholar's College director, said. "If education isn't fun, then you are doing it wrong."

McClain said the Louisiana Scholars' College is one of the most demanding honors programs in the nation. Each student is required to complete 66 hours of core-course work. With such a wide range of classes, the students have more control over their education than traditional college.

The Scholars' College features small, discussion-based classes led by involved faculty.

"I love that it's so small and our professors really take a personal interest in us," Tiffany Caudill, freshman liberal arts major, said.

Scholars' College students are also active around campus in NSU organizations: the River, NSU Debate, Student Government Association, "The Current Sauce," Student Activities Board, Demon Football, Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country, choir, orchestra, Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and theatre.

This year the Scholars' College went green with their own paper-recycling program. The students care about the community and try to support it in any way possible, McClain said.

- Bobbie Hayes



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(Above) Scholars' students can often be found congregating on the steps of Morrison Hall and in the surrounding courtyard.

(Left) Stokey Meyers, senior history major, chooses to study in the Scholars' College lounge in the late afternoon since the lounge is often very crowded around noon.



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(Top) Jeon D'Amato, professor of classics, begins a discussion in Marrison Hall for the scholars' Text and Traditions class

(Bottom) Rochelle Menard sophomore liberal arts major broadcasts a radio show on 91.7 KNDW, The Demon



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(Above Left) Brittany Dent, student personnel services and counseling graduate student, studies for class on the second floor of the Watson Library. Dent works as a resource teacher at Natchitoches Central High School and takes night classes during the week.

(Above Right) Casey Hendricks, an education graduate student, works at the Lab Middle School as a physical education coach. Hendricks participates in his enrolled classes through Blackboard.

(Opposite Page Right) Psychology graduate student, Jessica Paul, is the graduate assistant for a statistics professor and grades the assigned homework and tests.



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(Above) Amanda Roe, studio art graduate student, works on various projects in her studio. Every graduate student in the art department is allowed his or her own studio on campus.



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Taking the Leap

expanding horizons

Graduate school —the term soaks the brain with thoughts of geniuses camping out in the library. Eyes locked on the latest issue of Britannica, devouring each page as if they will never read again.

Who knows what stories are behind each of the 1100 students pursuing graduate degrees, but graduate students are normal people with unique motives for taking the leap.

Some have an insatiable thirst for knowledge, while others want to advance their careers. Others see dollar signs, and some are thrilled by the challenge. A few just aren't sure what else to do with their lives or simply want to delay the "real world."

The majority of students aren't fresh out of college, but people who tried the workforce long enough to know what they do and don't want, Dr. Steven Horton, dean of graduate studies and associate provost, said.

"This is the general trend nationwide, and it's almost encouraged," Horton said. "You don't want to waste your time and money in graduate school for something you're not sure about."

Of the 100-150 full-time grad students, 88 are graduate assistants on scholarship, while the others are part-time or distance learners, often juggling school, work and families.

This was the case for Natchitoches local Casey Hendricks. Hendricks taught and coached in Natchitoches and Many for more than 10 years when he decided to pursue a master's degree in educational leadership.

Hendricks took graduate level classes, taught at the Middle School Lab on campus and raised a family.

"It's tough," Hendricks said. "But I've gotten used to it. If I decide the classroom isn't for me, I'll have administrative duty as an option."

NSU offers nearly 20 different graduate programs in fields including education, psychology, English, health and human performance, heritage resources, music, nursing and the arts.

Within two to three years, Northwestern could adopt several more programs. Master's degrees in the works at NSU's Leesville Campus include homeland security, radiological science, applied science and technology, humanities, and social work, Horton said.

Those looking for a financial boost can apply for scholarships or look into the graduate assistant program. Graduate assistants are enrolled full-time and work 20 hours a week teaching, researching or servicing their department in exchange for \$10,000 a year.

Jacob Spielbauer is one of three graduate assistants for the Demon basketball team. Some of his duties include exchanging game film with other universities, player development and meeting recruits. He is working on a master's in sports administration and teaches a personal fitness class on campus.

Spielbauer said the teacher-student relationship is different from the one at the undergraduate level.

"The teachers are really involved with us at this level," he said. "They give you a lot of respect and guidance and help you find jobs."

- Hannah Casey



(Above Left) The CALL spring graduates. **(Front Row)** Perry Lowe, Phyllis Edwards, LoSho' Gorner, Catherine Hamilton, and Gerrell Thomas. **(Back Row)** Jimmy Long, Thomas Honson, Rondell Webb, Joseph Dow- Honorary Doctorate, Dorlene Williams, Senator Gerold Long.

(Above Right) Robert Ellis, CALL student (42), instructs baseball players on the field during a Shorks game, a winter league for which Ellis was asked to be a pitching coach. During his time in Howoii, Ellis was able to stay on track with his CALL classes through the Internet.

(Right) Jennifer Donos, a CALL student, completes her coursework online using Blackboard and works during the day as the administrative assistant for electronic continuing education department, while juggling a family at home. She is in the process of completing her accounting degree and earning a bachelor's degree in business.



CALL Enrollment

Fall 2007	170
Spring 2008	190
Summer 2008	140
Fall 2008	260

Going Back

to move forward faster

To encourage the ever-continuing search for education at all ages, the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education hosted the Continuum for All Louisiana Learners, a fast-track online course option for adult learners.

The CALL Program, initiated by the Louisiana Board of Regents, offers accelerated courses for adult learners wanting to finish their education. Based on studies, adult learners need a variety of options for online classes, which the CALL Program strives to offer. The program also teaches adult learners how to take the knowledge they gained as an adult and apply it toward their degree.

"If you like to learn, this program encourages you to learn," Robert Ellis, NSU CALL student and former professional baseball player, said.

After attending NSU for two years, he transferred to a community college and was drafted to the minor leagues. He then went to the major leagues and played baseball for 16 years.

Once he made the decision to continue his education, Ellis learned about the CALL program after contacting NSU to ask how to transfer classes to a university closer to where he lived in Texas. He enrolled in the CALL Program and took all online classes to earn a general studies degree with a concentration in social sciences in four semesters, graduating fall 2008. Ellis plans to receive his master's degree in adult education. He said going back to finish his education was the best thing he could have done.

"No question -- If I had been continuing my education while I was playing, I would have been a better player," Ellis said.

Ellis is a pitching coach for the NY Mets, and the flexibility of the CALL Program allowed him to work and travel.

The program has the option of taking four, eight or 16-week online classes at a time, allowing adult learners to concentrate on a few classes at a fast pace to graduate sooner.

"This really made me understand what I learned during my years in professional baseball," Ellis said. "Before I was just a baseball guy, but now I'm able to apply my knowledge in ways I couldn't have even imagined."

Darlene Williams, vice president of continuing education and technology, directed the project in its infancy and said NSU was chosen because they already showed interest in programs to attract adult learners.

"The most rewarding experience for me from a program development view, was being in the coliseum to see (the CALL students) walk across the stage and get their diplomas," Williams said. "Being able to offer a service that helps those seeking to complete their education and see it finalized during graduation was so rewarding."

Jennifer Danos, administrative assistant for electronic and continuing education, helped pilot the grant that would fund the CALL Program and later became one of its students.

Danos works during the day and juggles her teenage children at home. Online classes were the best way for her to continue her accounting degree and receive a business degree.

"I was excited to take fast-track classes online," Danos said. "I'm really active with both my boys' activities. I can't do my homework until late at night."

Danos takes about two or three classes a semester and plans to graduate in at least three years.

"My goal is to graduate before my boys get into college," Danos said.

- Kera Simon

Expanding Networks

just a click away

It's no secret. Getting out of bed every morning to go to class is a daily chore for most college students. Dealing with work schedules, children and commuting can make attending class even more difficult.

However, with advances in technology, an increasing number of NSU students are choosing to opt out of traditional classroom settings in favor of online classes.

"The advantage of an online course is that you work at your own pace," Kedrick Kennedy, senior business administration major said.

"In a classroom, you have a 50-minute to an hour class or an hour and 15 (minute) class, and the teacher can't cram all the chapters in within that one day," he said. "With an Internet class ... you have more time to get the assignments and work done."

Chanel Savoie, early childhood education graduate student, thinks online classes better suit her schedule.

"I think it's a great thing," she said. "I have no interference between my classes and my job."

Savoie also believes Internet courses fit her personality.

"I'm kind of shy," she said. "I prefer that I don't have to answer questions in front of people."

First offered by the College of Education in the early '90s, online courses have quickly grown to include 288 classes and over 500 sections as of spring 2008.

"There are 10 parishes that Northwestern provides courses for ... it's a way for us to extend our outreach efforts to these rural communities, to be able to offer courses in degree programs," Darlene Williams,

vice president of continuing education and technology, said.

Williams said online courses have had a positive influence and brought distinction to the university.

"I think that by offering the online classes, not only have we provided more opportunities with students to have flexibility when it comes to working, taking care of families and other kinds of responsibilities, but it has allowed us to reach beyond our service area as well, and gain recognition for Northwestern as being a leader in electronic learning in the state," she said.

For Dr. Jung Lim, assistant professor in the department of journalism, online courses alter the jobs of both student and teacher.

"The role of instructor in online environments is more like a facilitator rather than an instructor," she said. "Students in these settings are more active learners who have the ownership of their own learning."

Skipping out on traditional courses does have its disadvantages because contacting professors and fellow students can pose a problem.

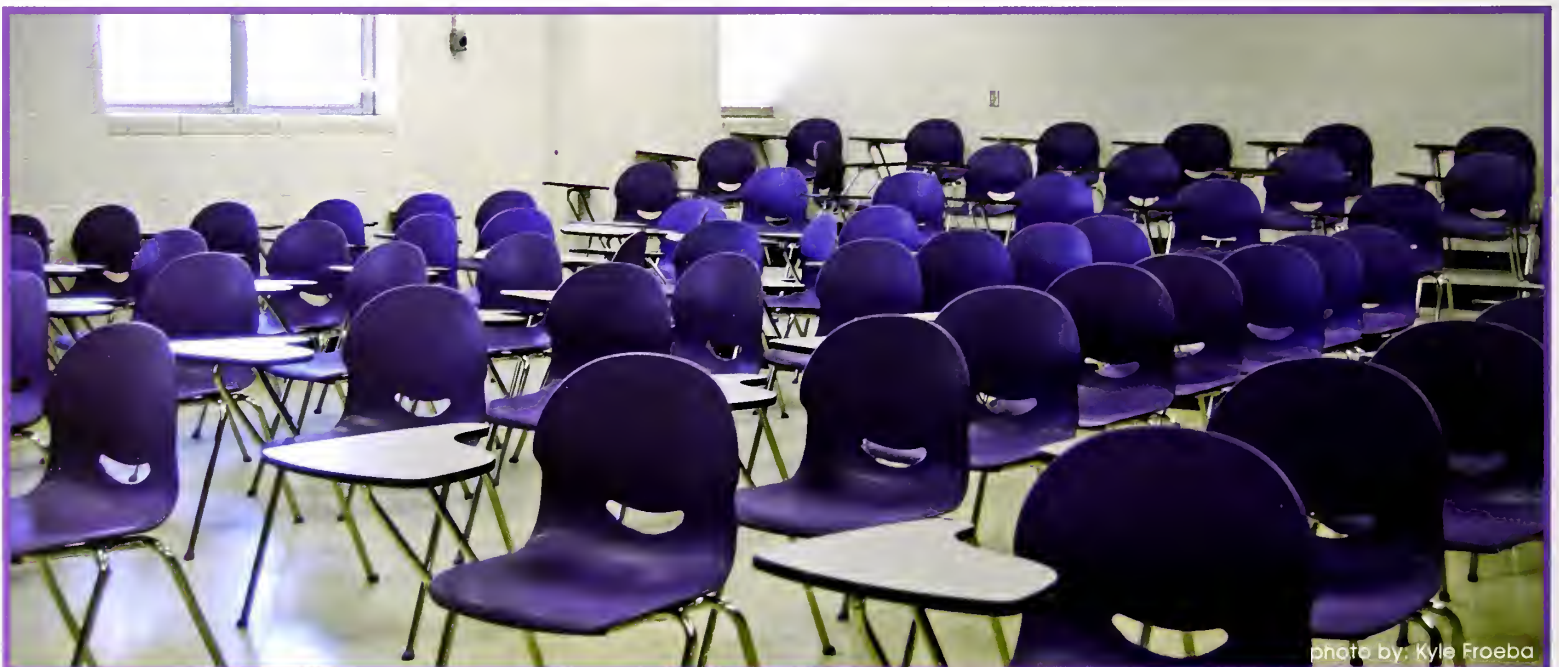
"Not being able to see your professor face to face (is difficult). Everything seems to take a little bit longer," Savoie said.

"The class should at least meet once, so students and teachers can get to know each other," Amadeo Mitchell, music education major, said.

Savoie said personal responsibility was a key ingredient to succeeding in online courses.

"You don't have anyone to motivate you," she said. "You have to motivate yourself."

- Kevin Clarkston



(Above) Empty classrooms, such as this one in Kyser Hall, may become more common with the rise of online classes and the convenience they offer. "The advantage of an online course is that you work at your own pace," Kedrick Kennedy, senior business administration major said.

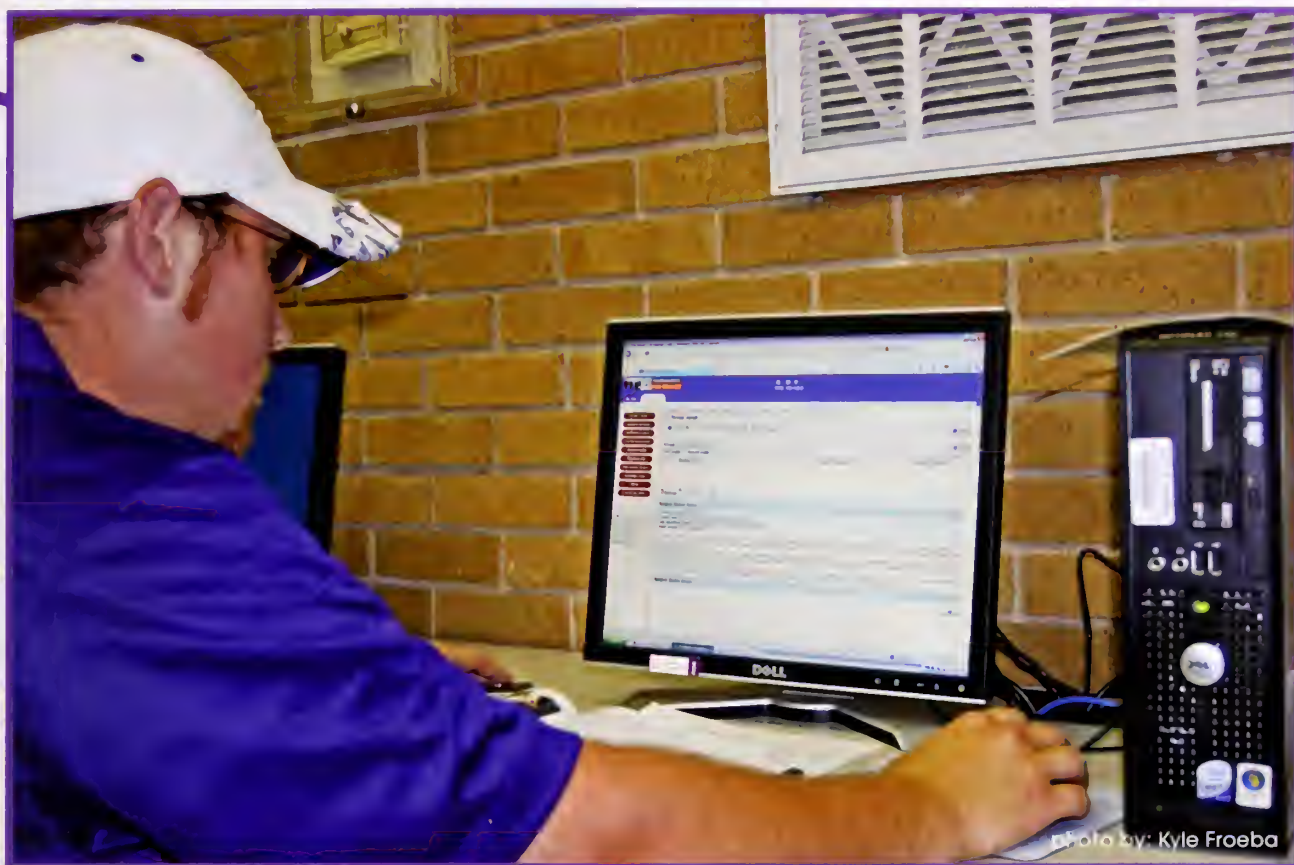


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(Above) Michael Ebarb, sophomore general studies major, uses the computer lab in Watson Library to check class assignments on Blackboard.

(Left) Stephanie Garrett, senior general studies major, looks over class materials and checks assignments on Blackboard in the PE Major's Building computer lab.

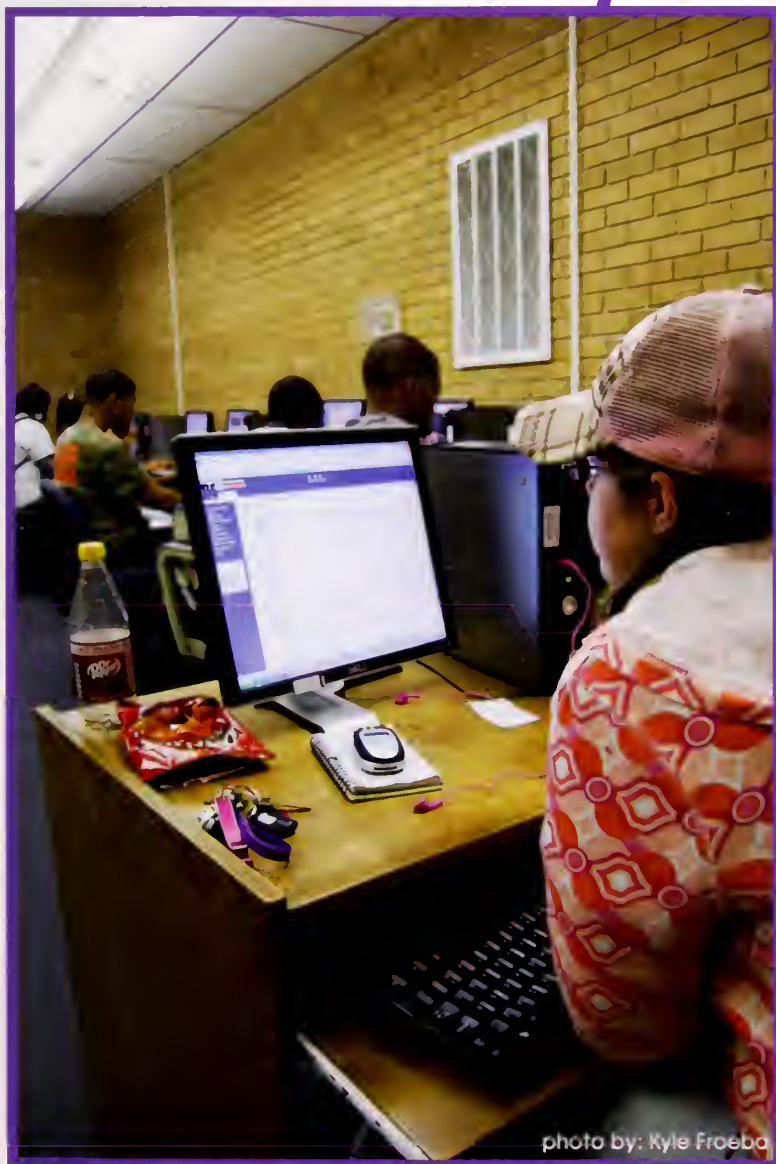


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Exciting Electives

classes by choice, not curriculum

After putting hours into intense study sessions for long and stressful classes, students are given the opportunity to focus their studies on something they find a bit more enjoyable electives.

Electives are classes students chose to take outside their core curriculum.

The electives a student chooses depend on a variety of factors, like interest and prior experience.

"I'm taking French and tennis this semester," Connor Reilly, freshman criminal justice major, said. "I took French in high school, and I've been playing tennis for 12 years."

Criminal justice majors, like Reilly, take a minimum of 17 hours to meet their elective requirements. Of those hours, the students are strongly encouraged to take another foreign language in addition to the language courses already required and a health and fitness course.

Although many students choose electives that pertain to their majors, some choose electives strictly based on the enjoyment they will get out of it.

Spencer Pearson, sophomore liberal arts and journalism major, chose to take a scuba diving course.

"I like to take a fun class every semester," Pearson said. "It helps keep me sane."

NSU offers two scuba diving courses: skin and scuba diving, and advanced scuba diving. Such classes, however, include rather expensive fees.

Pearson explained the class alone costs \$250,

which covers the gear and other expenses required to take the course. There is also an optional trip to Florida, which increases the class fee to \$500.

There are various other human performance classes offered, including bowling, racquetball, golf, swimming, volleyball and several fitness classes.

Zachary Price, sophomore education major, chose swimming as his three-credit hour course elective.

"It gives me something to look forward to. It's a stress reliever and it's good for your health," Price said. "What's not to love?"

Price said the teacher worked closely with students and allowed students to swim at their own skill levels.

The Creative and Performing Arts Department also has a variety of electives students may take.

Sarah Clarius, senior graphic communications major, filled her schedule with classes that enable her to do what she loves.

"I love to make things and take pictures," Clarius, who has been busy with sculpture, photography and graphic communication, said.

Clarius is required to take two photography classes in the art department, but she chose to take Photography III and IV as electives. She also took a crafts class in the art department, which focused on collage making.



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(Opposite Page) Scuba diving has been taught in the on-campus notatorium for 29 years and is an opportunity to learn a new hobby

(Left) Kempa Karate classes are offered through electronic and continuing education department as a non-credit course and are open to the public



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(Far Left) Aviation students can use indoor simulators to practice flying. While NSU does offer an aviation science degree, the courses are offered as electives



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(Left) Joey Deizendorf, senior business major, waits for his pottery to dry during a ceramics class in the art department. Craft classes are popular electives among students due to their fun-factor.

(Below) Senior Lauren Hughes watches sophomore Mark Bloodworth II, both CIS majors, while he takes a practice swing. Recreational sports electives, like golf, bowling and tennis, are popular among students

In the English department, some classes stand out as unique, like English 3510: film theory. In the class, students learn to analyze films. They typically watch a movie and then discuss their take on the film, much of which includes anything from the plot to camera angles.

For students looking to take a temporary, non-credit elective, the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education (ECE) offers several interesting courses.

ECE is a program that enables the use of online classes and video conferencing.

The program acts as a "support unit" for the school and the academic courses offered online, said Darlene Williams, vice president for technology, research and educational development.

ECE does more than just enable the use of online courses. It offers non-credit courses for students with an array of interests from leisure learning to professional development courses.

The classes offered this year included Water Aerobics, Basic Floral Design I, II and III, a swing dancing course, Kempa Karate, and several professional and personal development courses. The ECE office was open to the public and any student who wished to enroll in a non-credit course.

- Sarah Cramer



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CAPA Highlights

adding a mix of culture



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1. The summer production of "Dag Tales" was a children's show written by Scott Burrell, theater coordinator. Front are Kendall Judy and Allee Peck. Behind are Casey Bazenski and Jasiah Kennedy.

2. The University Choir performs Bach's "Come Sweet Death" in Magale Recital Hall for their fall concert. The 85 voices of the choir performed synchronized interpretive hand movements to accompany the song.

3. The fall production of "Romeo & Juliet" included Rebecca Russell as Juliet and Joshua Caen as Friar Lawrence. The play, directed by Pia Wyatt, had matinee performances for surrounding middle and high schools as part of a theatre outreach program, exposing the young to a well rounded variety of theatre.

4. Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra performs their annual benefit concert to raise money for scholarships. The concert featured singers from the Laurence Welk Shaw, Tanya Welk-Raberts and Gail Farrell.



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5. In the fall, Elizabeth Bigger, David Sylvester and Reshad Horton performed "My Children! My Africa!" The play was about a white South African girl who befriends and debates with a black South African boy and his teacher amidst a time of strong racial tension

6. The Jozz Ensemble performs in Magole Recital Hall in the fall, where Carlos Ortiz IV was awarded the first jazz ensemble scholarship in the university's history. The Jazz ensemble consists of only saxophones, trombones, trumpets, guitars, drums and bass.

7. The Dance Company performs to a song from "Cabaret" in February. The production also included a lyrical solo, hip-hop number and a few modern dances.

8. Percussion extends beyond marching. During the fall, percussionists focus on a drumline, but in the spring their concentration is on concert literature. On top of percussion ensemble, students are also involved with many other ensembles throughout the CAPA department.

9. "Alice in Wonderland" was performed in the spring by Ryan Reynolds as March Hare, Trocena Collongues as Alice and Ryan Hazelbaker as Mad Hotter.



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gala surpasses generations

The NSU music department in 1968 unknowingly began one of NSU's most popular traditions.

In its earliest years, the Christmas Gala, originally called the Christmas Concert, was one of Natchitoches' black tie affairs. After every Christmas Concert the department would sponsor a cocktail buffet at the Natchitoches Country Club. Natchitoches residents, NSU faculty and students watched the concert and then enjoyed food and dancing.

More than 20 years later the Gala began to change in 1989. The music department decided to use the money from the cocktail buffet for orchestra scholarships. Also, Dr. Jack Wann and Dr. Vicky Parrish added a theatre component to the show.

The Gala today is composed of various art forms from the music, dance and theatre departments. The show featured performances from the choir, orchestra, drumline and jazz band, as well as the Demon Dazzlers, the Rockettes, student actors and dancers.

The Christmas Gala began as an offshoot of the Symphony Society's programs. Although many aspects have been added or changed, traditions have continued to grow.

The Rockettes, a dance group specifically for the Gala, are based on the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. Each year the dance number and costumes are changed, but the silver shoes, the Rockettes' symbol, are always present.

"To be able to call myself a Rockette means the world to me," Mandi Ridgdell, Rockette and senior theatre major, said. "It's such an amazing feeling to be on stage and hear the 'oohs' and 'ahs' from a crowd of children, or to have a little girl tell you that you are her favorite."

Preparing for a role as Rockette was challenging. Ridgdell became a Rockette her freshman year and began stretching and practicing dancing in heels every week to prepare for the role.

Although Gala has many traditions, each year the performance has a different storyline. Dr. Barry Stoneking, director of the dance program, wrote and directed this year's Christmas Gala.

Stoneking said his inspiration when writing the Gala was the Nutcracker Story, a traditional Christmas story. But, as audiences saw, he included other classic story lines into the plot.

Clara Anne, the main character, lived in an orphanage where the children try to steal her doll. She falls asleep and dreams about a place where anything can happen. Throughout her dream she meets famous, historical characters that inspired her to have ambition in her life. Toulouse, Ella Fitzgerald, Charlie Chaplin,

Josephine Baker and Isadora Duncan displayed their talents after each individual introduction.

Rebecca Brown, sophomore theatre major, played Clara Anne. She said the rehearsal schedule was tough. Actors only had three weeks to rehearse the character scenes, and Brown was sick during the last week of rehearsals. But Brown made sure to stay healthy for the seven Gala performances.

"I was so paranoid of getting re-sick that during the tech and performance week, I would be sipping on a jug of orange juice," Brown said.

Brown said performances went by quickly, and it was a challenge to find the energy of a cute, curly, curious little girl time and time again, but she somehow managed to pull it off.

"The drumline helped a lot with reviving my spirit and energy during their glowstick number," Brown said. "No one could see, but Clara Anne was jumping and dancing and just jamming next to the stage-right wing."

The drumline performance was one of the crowd's favorites. The drumline performed "Short Circuit," a black-light snaredrum and tomtom piece, which has been the same for four years because of the positive audience response.

"I love to see several drummers get together and be able to perform completely in sync with each other," Tyler Mitchell, freshman business major, said. "They did an excellent job with all the different shapes and words. It was the first time I had ever seen drummers use glow sticks."

The management of all the dance and song numbers, actors and orchestra was an involved job. Stoneking communicated with each department to ensure everyone was on track with rehearsals. Then the week before opening night, every department rehearsed together.

Although the director brought everything together and polished it for opening night, the stage manager is in charge of making sure things run smoothly during every show. The stage manager sat in a booth with a headset and script ready to give orders to his crew during performances.

"The director and designers have nursed this work of art into what it is," Kendall Judy, stage manager and junior theatre major, said. "Now they have left, and it's my job to take care of it."

Just as the director passed on the headset to the stagemanager, the tradition of Christmas Gala continues to be passed on through generations.

-Taylor Graves

"Young at Heart"



(Left) The NSU Improv Troupe entertains the crowd as part of Charlie Chaplin's introduction during the Christmas Gala

(Below left) The orchestra waits in the pit in front of the stage during Jazz Orchestra performance. The orchestra accompanied the production on stage

(Below Right) Christmas angels take the stage during Clara Ann's dream



(Above) The orphans sing "It's a hard knock life." The Christmas Gala's story focused on the curly-haired Clara Anne's dream and search for her nutcracker doll.



Leaders among us reaching new heights

Among the student body, there is a group of young men and women who are more than just students. They are leaders.

They are the Demon Battalion of the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps).

"(In ROTC) you get an experience that you wouldn't normally get in college," Major Stevie Smith, recruiting operations officer and enrollment and scholarship officer, said.

The program taught students how to be leaders and ultimately prepared them for the military. In the classroom, the cadre, or training staff, taught their students military tactics and leadership skills.

Leadership is practiced on a daily basis, Smith explained, whether the cadets are in class, doing physical training or out in the field.

"Each cadet has the chance to lead the other cadets in one way or another," Smith said.

Cadets have the opportunity to take what they learn in the classroom outside of campus.

In the fall, the battalion visited Camp Beauregard in Pineville, where they focused on land navigation. The cadets then practiced squad training in the spring at Kisatchie State Park. They also went on Viking quests to practice land navigation skills and battle drills.

"Leadership isn't only about being a leader. It's also about being a good follower," Cadet Elisha Ibanga, sophomore chemistry major, said.

Four levels make up the ROTC curriculum. Military science (MS) level 1, the entry-level cadet, is made up of freshmen and teaches students the military basics. Sophomores make up the MS 2 level. They are not yet in command, but learn more advanced military skills than in MS 1.

"(MS 2s) are taught more in-depth squad tactics, battle drills and leadership excellence," Ibanga, who MS 2, said.

As an MS 3, cadets are given more authority. They also begin their training for the Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC).

"MS 3s are always put in leadership positions because (they) have to be capable leaders to pass LDAC," Ibanga said. "The MS 3 will range from squad leader to platoon leader, and they take care of the day-to-day cadet operations."

Cadets from around the nation attend LDAC, a one-month course in Washington that tests the skills and knowledge of the cadets.

"Basically they're evaluating you on everything you should've learned during your three years in ROTC to see if you qualify to be an officer," Ibanga said.

Cadet Antoinette Selby, senior electrical engineering technology major, is an MS 4. Selby attended LDAC last year. She explained that the course tests the cadets through various exercises, including a physical fitness test, a day and night land navigation course and a combat water survival test.

Upon completing LDAC, the MS 3s are assigned a specific branch in the military and advance to the MS 4 level to finish their education and training. During this year, the cadets work on refining their leadership skills and serve as leaders of the battalion with the oversight of the cadre.

"Our main focus... is to run the battalion and to give back to the (MS 3s) to make sure they have a successful completion at LDAC," Selby said.

- Sarah Cramer



(Opposite Page) Cadet Kegan Keller salutes LTC Lee Pennington during the fall awards ceremony. All of the cadets like Jonathan Watson, right, attend award ceremonies every semester where they receive certificates for categories like "most improved," "highest PT score and "highest GPA."

(Top Left) Cadets listen to a lecture during the semi-annual field training exercise at Camp Beauregard in Pineville.

(Top Right) Cadets Brandon Messick and Jason Andreani play pool in the military science building's recreation room. Cadets use the room to also play ping-pong, foosball and access the kitchenette.

(Middle Left) ROTC cadets fire the cannon at an NSU home game for each touch down earned.

(Above Right) High school students climb one of the obstacles in the on-campus rope course to learn the importance of teamwork during the Demon Challenge 09, a one-day workshop where JROTC programs worked with NSU ROTC students.

(Bottom Left) The battalion conducted a training exercise in which they searched and evacuated the empty and soon-to-be-destroyed Boozeman Hall in search of "terrorists."



ROTC Qualifications

In addition to experiences and training that will last a lifetime, the cadets are offered something else to better their college years—scholarships. However, like any school scholarship, there are qualifications.

Each cadet is required to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) in order. The APFT standards vary based on age and gender, but are the same in every battalion. Students must also be between the ages of 17 and 29, have a 2.5 GPA and ACT score of 19.

Any student is allowed to take an ROTC course as an elective as long as he or she is between the ages of 17 and 35 and has at least a 2.0 GPA.



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Inspiration, Creation, Dedication finding passion with peers

When it comes to art, Thomas Edison said it best — “Genius is 99 percent perspiration.”

This is true of art students who already have the talent. They just need to be proactive in the creation of their future.

Michael Yankowski, art professor, has taught artists at NSU for 22 years and has theorized what he calls “the tortoise and the hare syndrome.”

“We may get some hot-shot high schoolers who know they’re good and then figure they don’t have to work hard when they get to college,” Yankowski said. “A lot of people think that art’s easy. That’s why they get into it, and then they’re sadly mistaken.”

Being a successful artist takes a lot of drive, commitment and enthusiasm. As an art professor, Yankowski strived to help students find their passions. Once art students are passionate about their own work, they do not mind the extra time needed to create it.

“We’re mentors to the students, because we want them to be good artists,” Yankowski said. “It’s not like teaching. It’s nurturing.”

Art students have many time-consuming assignments to complete for classes.

Sarah Clarius, senior graphic communication major, said most art classes are three hours long, leaving time to do assignments in class. But students still have to work outside of the classroom.

“It’s all about time management,” Clarius said. “You have to figure out how to manage time your time well. All good art has a lot of time spent on it, trying to become better.”

The art department has two separate degrees:

graphic communication and studio art. Both art forms take dedication to perfect, but the similarities end there. Graphic artists are taught to take their clients’ ideas and communicate them through visual language. Studio artists have to start with their own idea.

Even with the two degree programs, the art department is small, creating a family-like environment.

“Everybody knows everybody and we all get along,” Cagney Coody, senior graphic communication major, said. “It’s like our own little community.”

The art department is about 80 percent graphic artists and 20 percent studio artists. Yankowski said this is due to the more stable job market graphic artists have over studio artists.

“I wish we did have more studio majors. Most of the students that go here, are graphic design,” Becky Edwards, senior studio art major, said. “I kind of feel like studio is like a dying breed.”

Edwards originally wanted to study art history, but once she got into college and gained confidence in her work as an artist, she chose to study studio art. Now, as a senior, she specializes in mixed-media sculptural art and takes many independent-study courses to complete her art degree.

“Art isn’t like math. With a subject like math, you do it all yourself,” Edwards said. “But with the peers I have here (in the art department), it’s like you see them doing work, and it makes you want to do work. It inspires you. You have discussions and learn from each other.”

- Kera Simon



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(Opposite Page) The works of Painting and Drawing classes were shown in Gallery 2 in the Creative and Performing Arts Building in the fall

(Left) Mary Squyres finishes her print blocks during a printmaking class. In printmaking, students carve patterns into wood to use as a stamp to print the design on paper.

(Below) Cogney Coody, senior graphic communication major, takes a photo of a fellow student using a pinhole camera during his Photography II class. Art students are required to take Photography I and II.

(Bottom Left) During the spring, a contemporary collage crafts class and two color theory classes collaborated to create a large installation piece that was displayed in Gallery 2. The collage crafts class created multiple collages using mixed media that were painted chosen colors by the color theory classes.

(Bottom Right) Lisa Rachol 18-foot playhouses were an display on campus next to the natatorium in the spring and fall of 2008. Rachol worked on the playhouses, which were part of her graduating senior show, for a year and a half.



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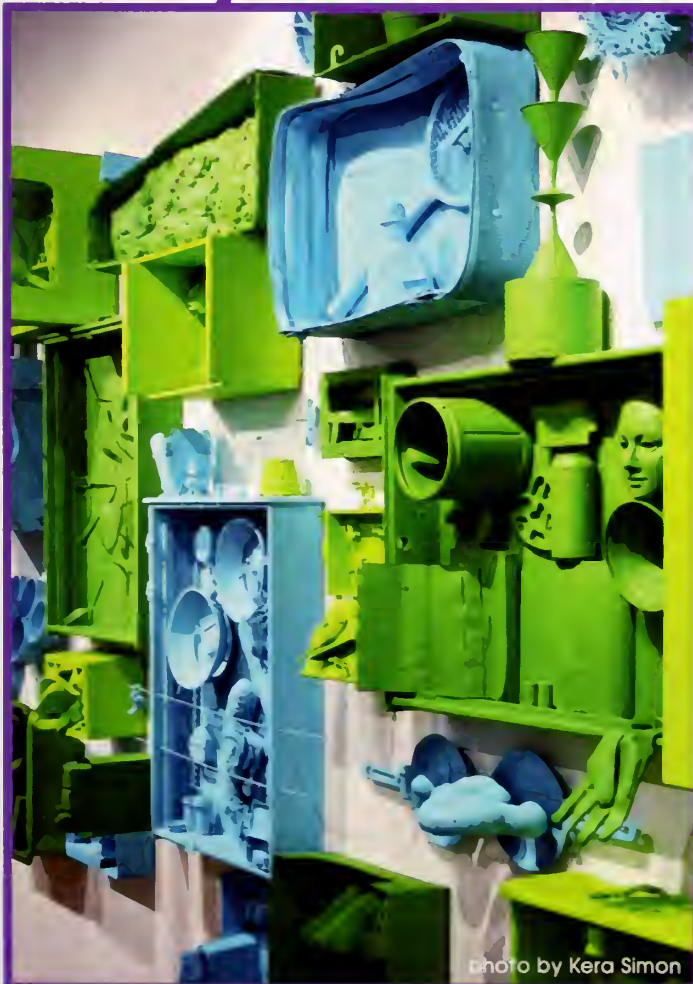


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A New "Awakening"

preserving what was lost

(Right) Joe Evans, senior heritage resources major, wraps waterlogged books from the Kate Chopin site to help dry and preserve them.



(Top) Ashley Canstance, heritage resources graduate student, separates and catalogues surviving scrapbook pages.

(Middle) Graduate students from the heritage resources department helped clean up the day after the Kate Chopin House burned down.

(Right) The Kate Chopin house of the famous writer for whom it's named, also served as the Bayou Folk Museum.

(Far Right) The Kate Chopin House was still smoldering in the morning after hours of burning on October 1. The final investigation reported inconclusive results as to the cause of the fire.



The 200-year old Kate Chopin House in Cloutierville burned to the ground Oct. 1, leaving the Natchitoches area saddened and shocked by the sudden loss of historical treasure.

"I think it was a wake up call for a lot of people to monitor significant properties more often and realize that tragedy could be only a moment away," Ryan Smith, heritage resources graduate student, said.

The Kate Chopin House, built by slaves between 1805 and 1809, served as the Bayou Folk Museum as well as the residence of one of the most important American female writers of the late 19th century. The day after the fire started, the Cane River Creole National Historic Park service and faculty and graduate students from the NSU heritage resources department were in Cloutierville to stabilize the site. Due to the unsafe conditions, the students were not allowed in the site, but could work with removed artifacts.

"I wish I could have done more," Smith said. "Being a student, there were certain liability issues. And with everything still smoldering, we did all that we could."

Fifteen graduate students went to the still smoldering Kate Chopin site to preserve whatever debris they could find. The students delicately cleaned pieces of china and pottery, salvaged parts of scrapbooks, and catalogued the lost and found artifacts. Students also helped move the antiques and artifacts from surrounding buildings to keep them safe from possible re-ignition of the site, which occurred one week later.

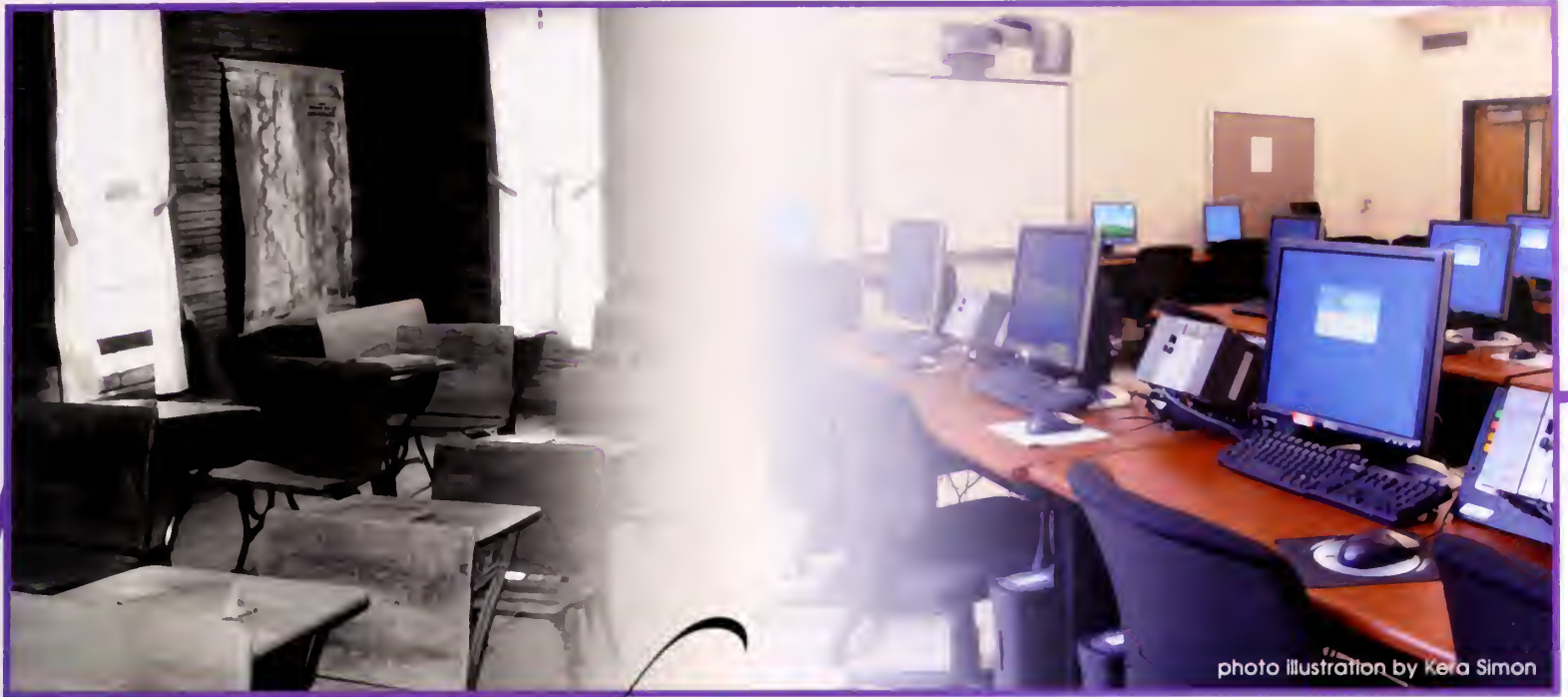
Heritage resources department volunteers took some of the artifacts to the NSU campus to be more delicately preserved. Joe Evans, senior heritage resources major, assisted in wrapping the salvaged water-logged books from the Chopin site to dry and later freeze them to prevent mold.

"It was pretty somber in the department and everyone was pretty down, because it was so famous," Evans said. "But on the bright side, everything that existed in the house has already been catalogued and some scanned. Even though most was lost, we at least had enough forethought to keep records of its existence."

The faculty and students of the heritage resources department were able to step in and put their skills to use, but they also did all they could to ease the grief of the community.

"I think it was somewhat overwhelming to see the site like that and understand all that was lost," Dr. ElizaBeth Guin, associate professor of heritage resources, said. "It was really hard on the folks that had a connection to the site. I'm glad we could take some of the burden off of the site owners."

-Kera Simon



Face the Future

changing to meet students' needs

Darwin's theory didn't end with the evolution of man, but rather it transcended into everything man touched.

With the desire to learn and the evolution of education, NSU adds new classes each semester. Some classes change to meet the time. Others are dropped, but the new classes lead the way.

This year, NSU offered students new experiences in the form of more than a dozen new classes with topics ranging from science to food.

For those interested in reading and analyzing current literature, Dr. Sarah McForland, director of undergraduate studies, led the popular literature class. For students who would not normally take an upper-level English class, it allowed them to explore the fun side of literature.

"It doesn't all have to be 'Moby Dick,'" McForland said. "Who decides what makes a classic? Why does it seem that popular works are generally not considered real literature?"

Reading titles such as "The Da Vinci Code," "Memoirs of a Geisha" and the immensely popular "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" offered students a chance to study works far removed from the much-read Shakespeare, Dickens and Tolstoy.

"You get to read things you wouldn't read otherwise. The classics have been studied and studied," Stephonie Ojeda, sophomore music major, said.

If you enjoy watching movies, the film genres class was a good way to watch and study a variety of films.

"We wanted to offer students a broad introduction to film," Dr. Allen Bouman, assistant professor of language and communication, said.

From thought-provoking classics such as "Citizen Kane" and "Blade Runner" to frightening films like "Vertigo" and the original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" to the

romantic musical "Moulin Rouge," the class let students analyze a truly wide spectrum of movies.

"The most interesting part of the class is watching and learning about films that we haven't seen yet," Katie Burkhalter, senior English major, said.

The human anatomy and physiology course offered a wealth of information for students interested in biology. Once two separate courses, it offered students a more in-depth look into anatomy and physiology than the separate courses offered alone.

"Instead of having one anatomy course and one physiology course, we decided to have two years of human anatomy and physiology. It allows us to cover much more ground," Dr. Wanda Golemon, assistant professor, said.

For biology majors, who compose the vast majority of the course, the specific knowledge gained in the class was extremely valuable.

"This is the most important class I'm taking," Arione Durham, senior biology major, said. "There are so many details you learn in this class that you don't learn in other biology classes."

A unique class created for the spring semester was cyber business law. The online class used the discussion board to tackle issues surrounding cutting edge technology that are important for 21st century businesses to understand.

"I think, in today's 'cyber' world, it is absolutely fundamental to teach our business students the legal consequences of operating a business online," Dr. Charlie Penrod, assistant professor of business law, said. "Since many of these issues are unique to cyberspace, a traditional business or law course may not give these topics the coverage they need."

-Erick Chelette

Foreign Experiences

learning outside the box

Cara Waring graduated with a degree in music education in the spring of 2008 without ever knowing a study abroad program existed at NSU. During her search for graduate schools, she found the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and decided to re-enroll as a music performance major in order to study overseas.

NSU is one of 280 institutions in 39 countries that are part of the ISEP network, offering students a more affordable option for studies outside of the U.S.

"It allows students from Northwestern the opportunity to experience travel abroad," Dr. Steven Horton, ISEP coordinator, dean of graduate studies and associate provost, said. "For a small school like us, where we don't have exchange programs overseas like big schools do, this give our students a chance to pick a study abroad opportunity from hundreds of locations that we could not offer them if we didn't have our (ISEP) membership."

Waring spent the summer and fall of 2008 deciding whether to continue to graduate school or get a second bachelor's degree studying opera overseas with the ISEP program's help. She said the hardest part of the whole process was simply to make a decision.

After she committed to studying overseas, she filled out paperwork with the help of Horton and began researching universities, e-mailing professors and investigating transportation options. Her final decision was to attend the University of Malta located in Malta, an island south of Italy, for a full year to study opera and learn the Italian language.

"I think so often people think inside the box and don't think outside to the whole world," Waring said. "I think the whole idea of higher education is important, and I want to see how high of a standard there is abroad."

The ISEP program has been available at NSU since 1982, as interest in international study grew. Horton said there are usually two or three students studying abroad per year thanks to the affordable program. Those two or three students studying at institutions in the ISEP network allow NSU to accept the same number of international students. With the ISEP program, students can attend another university in the ISEP network for the cost of their home university's admission fees. An exchange student can then use the fees the NSU student paid, if the foreign student wishes to attend NSU.

Before traveling abroad, a student would make a schedule according to the foreign university's list of classes. An agreement would be reached between NSU and the overseas institution to accept credits. As long as the student meets academic progress at the overseas institution and the transcript indicates NSU would accept

credit beforehand, the transfer of credits would be successful

"When they come back, we look at transcript and ask 'Did you do what you said you were going to do,' and if you did we send request to get credit," Horton said. "It's just so simple."

Miguel Martinez, senior English major, felt the same way about the ISEP program when he was researching the different study abroad programs that his Spanish university offered. He chose to use ISEP because of its simplicity and the support the program offered its students.

"Some programs, you must come on your own. But with this program (ISEP) you have people behind you to help you with paperwork and all that," Martinez said. "They did everything for me. It is quite good."

Martinez, originally from Ourense, Spain, said he chose to study in Louisiana for a full year because of his love of the culture and food. He did not originally plan to study at NSU though. His first choice was Louisiana State University. But after he booked his flight for Baton Rouge, LSU informed him they could not accommodate him. Martinez's adviser contacted NSU and Horton extended an invitation. Martinez accepted and the rest is history.

"It's a good university. I have nothing to complain about the university, except for the city. It's quite boring you know," Martinez said. "I mean it's a nice city, with Front Street, but there's not much to do. I'm not used to living in this kind of city. It's too small. I'm used to living in bigger cities."

Martinez studied at NSU in the fall and spring semesters. He worked on campus as a Spanish tutor, enjoyed visiting the Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center and lived in the University Column Apartments with an American student.

"I remember when I first come here, my adviser he drove me to the Columns to show me everything," Martinez said. "Before he left, he told me 'you know we have pool?' I was like 'What, really? You have pool?' Oh my God. I spent the first week in the pool."

Exchange students, like Martinez, evaluate NSU at the end of their stay. Horton maintains contact with the exchange students at NSU and the students who study abroad. He said everyone he has ever worked with in the program has always enjoyed his or her overseas experience, whether it's here or an ocean away.

"I've never had a negative," Horton said. "The coordinators at every institution are all very caring. I've had no one come back and say it was a bad experience."

-Kera Simon





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(Far Left) Cara Waring, senior practices opera in her dorm room while studying overseas. Waring graduated from NSU without knowing NSU had a study abroad program. She re-enrolled in NSU to study music performance in Malta, an island south of Italy, through the ISEP program.

(Left) Miguel Martinez, senior English major is originally from Spain and studied at NSU thanks to the ISEP program. During his first days at NSU in the fall, Miguel took photos around campus.

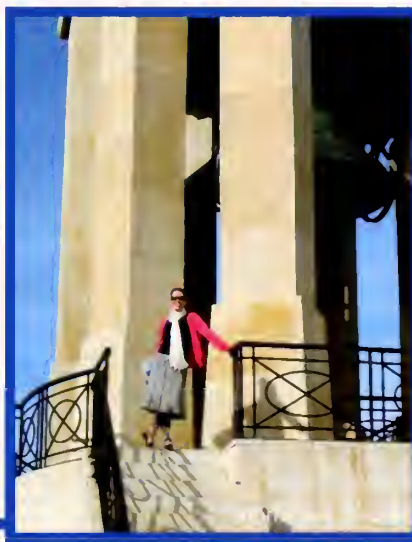


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Studying abroad has its perks. Students can discover the country during their spare time, making the most of their overseas experience.

(Left) Miguel Martinez traveled to major U.S. cities during the 2008 winter break. He stayed nine days in New York City, five days in Boston, five days in Chicago and six days in Miami.

(Below) Cara Waring, right, traveled with a Canadian ISEP student to the Mediterranean shore. Waring also traveled to a bell tower in Malta during her stay.



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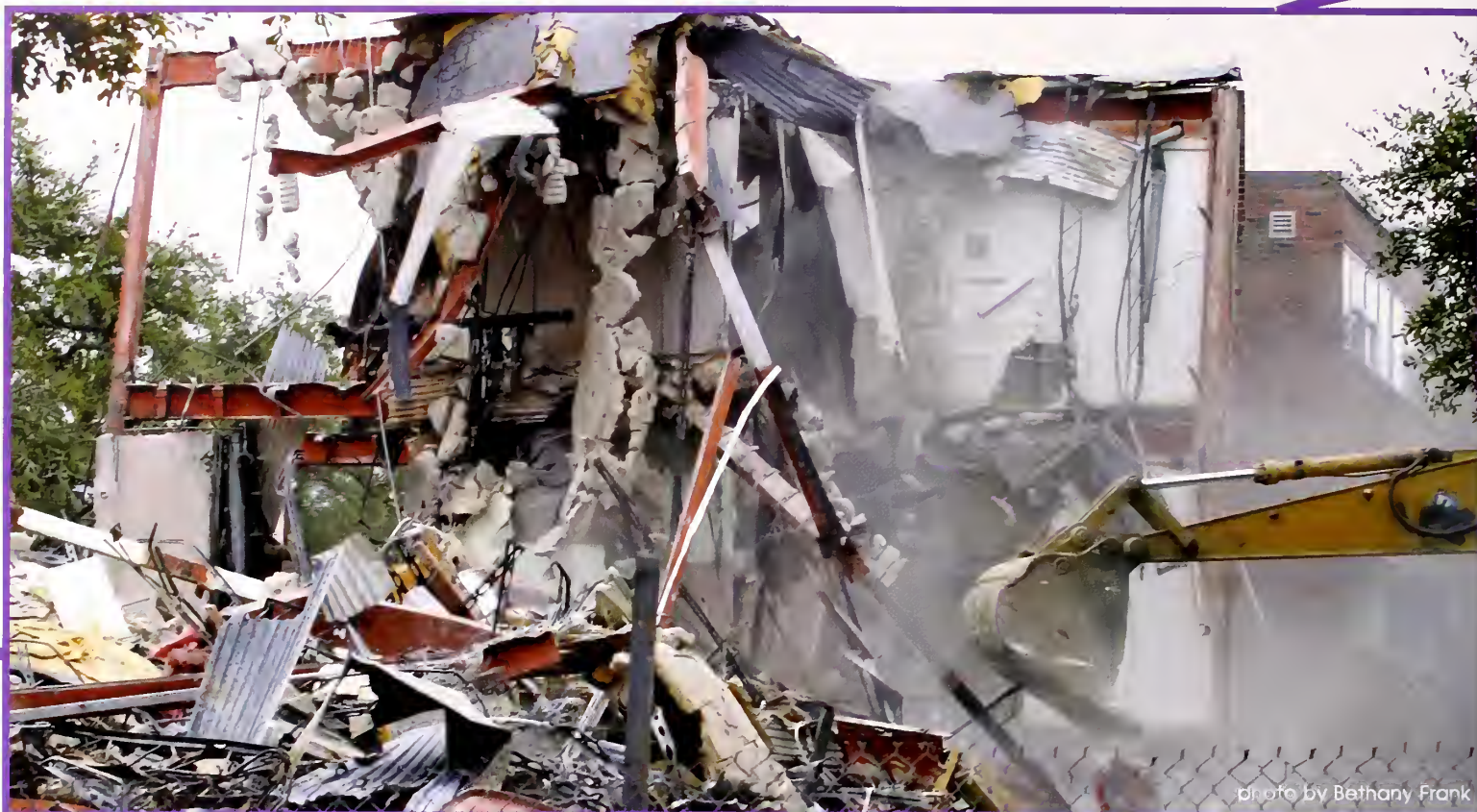
ISEP works as an exchange program in which universities exchange students from within the network.

An NSU student who travels abroad with the ISEP network would pay the usual full admission fees, including room and board. That would then leave a lot of money for an international student to study in the NSU student's place. The host student would be studying abroad in place of another NSU student from the university. The NSU student earns

the more traditional form of exchange programs just when a

scholarship with an office school to from students. What's more, if that way, the student directly applies to the foreign university. The process can get complicated. The student must meet money, visa and admission requirements of the foreign university. With that all of this is done for the student.

The ISEP process is much less expensive because it is essentially an exchange. You pay your fees here to an international student and you learn and the foreign student will pay at that level in order for you to use that



Campus in Transition

Out with the old, in with the new

NSU students could walk across campus this year and see old buildings being torn down, other buildings being renovated, and new buildings under construction.

The school year kicked off with the completion of University Place II, plush on-campus apartments located on Sam Sibley Drive, next door to Iberville Dining Hall.

"Based on the student surveys that we did... students today want more of a private bed and bath situation," Jennifer Kelly, director of auxiliary services, said. Completion of the modern residence hall, which houses 394 students, was officially announced in August. Students moved in the weekend before classes began.

The building's construction, done by Spring Valley Construction, cost the school almost \$13 million, Kelly said.

The C - Store, the on-campus convenience store, was moved from the Friedman Student Union and is now next door to University Place II.

"All of our on-campus housing is now on that side of campus," Kelly said. "Therefore it's more conducive to (the students) to be in that area."

Students who live on campus have found the C - Store's new location more convenient.

"It's definitely more convenient for me," Cameron Jones, sophomore biology major and resident assistant at University Place II, said. "I live right across the street."

However, students who live off-campus, such as Sarah Timmons, junior biology major, have found the opposite.

"I personally do not like it," Timmons said. "I would never go because it is out of my way and inconvenient."

Timmons added commuters often choose to eat at Vic's, whereas students who live on-campus frequent

the cafeteria, which houses the C - Store.

Iberville Dining Hall was also renovated for the school year. The project was part of the school's lease with Sodexo, Kelly said.

"They basically redesigned the whole eating (and) dining area, as well as new equipment in the kitchen," she said.

The new design of the dining hall has proven to be a success among the students.

"It looks much more nice than when I was a freshman and had to eat there," Timmons said.

NSU has not only been working to make its campus more convenient, but has also been working on the school's physical appearance by updating its outdated facilities.

"Unfortunately the university has several aging buildings," Chuck Bourg, physical plant director, said.

Regional Construction tore down Boozman Hall by order of the state, which decided tearing down the old residence hall would be more practical than restoring it. The demolition only cost a total of \$98,000, as opposed to the \$8 million to \$12 million it would cost to renovate. The school has yet to begin any plans for a new building on the lot.

"It will probably just be a green space, and (we may) put some benches there for a park," Bourg said.

The school does, however, anticipate the construction of a new building in place of Boozman Hall in the future.

Williamson Hall, which now houses the department of industrial technology, was gutted and remodeled to be almost the same as the original structure. The



(Left) The Williamson Hall renovation took a year and a half to complete and Engineering Technology classes were moved back into the facility in January 2009

(Below) Below is photo of Williamson before the renovation. The building had not been updated since its original construction in the 1950s making it the oldest original structure on campus before its renovation



(Left) University Place II construction was completed in time for students to move in for fall semester. The new apartment-style residence hall was built where Rapides Hall was located before its demolition in spring 2007.

(Above) The UP2 construction lasted for a full year. The parking lot in front of the facility was also repaved

extensive renovation cost the school \$5.6 million. It opened to students in the spring 2009 semester with classes beginning on Jan. 13.

Fred Terasa, director of Friedman Student Union and facility use coordinator, has also been at work improving Friedman Student Union. A total of 75 new chairs, along with 12 round tables, have been purchased and are being shared between the President's Room and the Student Union Ballroom.

"The thought was we'll have a good place where people can meet, but they could (also) eat in there," Terasa said.

The chairs that once occupied the President's room were moved to the Cane River room, increasing the room's chair count to 72.

In addition, nearly \$21,000 worth of high-tech equipment was purchased. Now either a large screen television or LCD projector can be found in each one of the meeting rooms, Terasa said.

The exterior of the student union has been in the improvement process as well, and for reduced cost.

On-campus organizations, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Omega Psi Phi and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, have worked on both the interior and the exterior of the student union. The railings and the walls inside the building have been painted. On the outside, walls have been power-washed, and the courtyard and the post office have been landscaped

- Sarah Cramer



(Opposite Page) Boozmon Hall was demolished in December. The empty lot now remains as green space

(Above Left) Friedman Student Union Lobby received new carpet and furniture in the spring



(Below Left) The culinary sciences building which cost \$150,000, was remodeled into a complete modern kitchen and facilities for culinary arts students. It was previously used as office space



NSU reaches out **and pulls you in**

The University Recruiting Office and individual departments open their doors to welcome prospective students by hosting informational and entertaining events throughout the year.

University Recruiting hosted opportunities for prospective students to discover NSU. The events included Senior day, Scholar's College Day, Junior Day, and a Graduate and Transfer Day where the entire campus was open for viewing and questions.

Jana Lucky, director of university recruiting, has worked for the recruiting office for 17 years and is a strong believer in the effectiveness of the recruiting program.

"Many universities have tried to model our setup," Lucky said. "Our university is very unique because we get students from every parish in our state."

Other than recruiting state wide, University Recruiting also has an extensive recruiting program in East Texas and receives applications from students all over the nation.

Lucky said the recruiting office's strategy is to keep in contact with the students after they have applied, making them a top priority.

In the spring, the University Recruiting Office hosted 12 alumni receptions along with three priority student receptions hosted by President Randall Webb and his wife, Mrs. Brenda Webb.

The alumni receptions also worked to bring recruiting into the community by finding alumni who would be interested in hosting a reception at their homes for priority students and parents.

"It is a more personalized approach. Other universities may host this type of event at a hotel or restaurant. We make it look as if the alumnus is inviting them," Lucky said. "It benefits alumni also. They have a means by which to give back to their university. They have a chance to visit and mingle with parents and students about their experience at NSU."

Along with all the meet-and-greets, the University Recruiting Office also conducts at least 500 personalized tours a year, Lucky said. The NSU Ambassadors, 30

freshmen who work for the recruitment office, conduct some of the tours. Ambassadors are also trained to host special events and call prospective students.

University Recruiting hosted spring spirit group auditions for the Demon Dazzler Danceline, Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line, Cheerleaders and Vic the Demon. Spirit groups also hosted cheerleading and dance camps over the summer.

Departments hosted recruiting events as well. They organize department-specific events assisted by students to inform prospective students what their degrees can offer.

After the students have applied and been welcomed by University Recruitment, prospective NSU students attend Freshmen Connection to them prepare for their first fall semester.

The objective of Freshman Connection is to help incoming freshman make the transition from high school to university life easier. During Freshmen Connection, students receive one-on-one assistance from Freshmen Connectors with registering for classes and finding their way around campus. They also get the chance to meet their academic adviser and learn about campus resources and support services.

The students take part in "Freshmen Follies" during Freshmen Connection, where they are split into groups to compete in games like tug of war, pass the bucket and collect the most ping-pong balls. The follies are meant to be a unique way to break the ice among the incoming freshmen.

Upon the completion of Freshman Connection and meeting with the Freshman Connectors, new students will be ready and set for their first semester at NSU.

"After Freshman Connection was over, I no longer worried about entering college," Shantell Huricks, sophomore journalism major, said. "That burden was definitely lifted off my shoulders. I got a chance to meet many of my fellow classmates, get familiar with the campus, and make my schedule, such a relief."

-Tori Ladd



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1. During Freshmen Connection, the incoming freshmen are separated into color groups and compete against each other during Freshman Follies in the afternoon
2. Dustin Fuqua, graduate heritage resources student, leads a Graduate Heritage Resources Open House Tour at a plantation to show what graduates do and study. The department hosted a graduate open house in January that started with presentations, and then group traveled to a graduate students' work sites where they gave tours and explained their project
3. The psychology department hosts a clinical psychology open house in Bienvenu Hall every semester to inform prospective students about the master's degree program
4. Bud Harlan, senior journalism major, leads a group of high school students during Journalism Day. In December, the journalism department and students hosted J-Day for surrounding high schools. This year, 175 high school students could participate in contests, like photojournalism and news writing, and submit their publications to be judged by the department. NSU journalism majors also led a panel to inform the high school students what journalism is like on the university level
5. The theatre and dance department has hosted the Louisiana Thespian's Conference every spring for the past 12 years. NSU students participate as judges, assist in workshops and help organize and run conference events. During the conference, high school theatre students performed plays and skits, competed against each other in individual drama events and took theatre and dance workshops presented by visiting artists and faculty
6. A group of incoming freshmen attend Freshman Connection to register for classes, visit the campus book store, tour the campus and meet their peers.



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Crunch Time

thinking outside the books

Picture sitting in your room watching your favorite TV show on the blaring TV, while munching on late-evening snacks while friends laugh and converse in the background. All this, while you study.

Being preoccupied with other activities while studying is the norm at NSU.

"I like to watch 'Sandford and Son' while I study," Devontay Joiner, junior CIS major, said.

Too much noise while studying can interfere with the brain's ability to comprehend new information, according to www.bookrags.com. However, these findings are not swaying students into a habit of quiet study time.

"I have to have the television and video games on and listen to music while I study," Jeffrey McNear, freshman electrical engineering major said. "Sometimes, I'll play video games and study at the same time."

While some students may study with the radio on just to have background music, others have slightly different reasoning.

"I tend to talk to myself while I'm studying, and I usually have music on to stop me from doing it," Ryan Hernandez, sophomore IET major said.

Even though the Web site also pinpoints eating as a potential disruption during study time, some students are still prone to snacking.

"I have to eat as I'm studying," Hernandez said. "I can't study on an empty stomach."

Although cramming has been shown to have a negative effect on grades, according to 'The Arizona Daily Wildcat', it is still a normal part of student study habits.

"I always cram for tests, unless it's something really hard," Joiner said.

"I cram, but only for certain tests," McNear said. "I don't care too much about English, so I cram for it. Everything else I study for."

Studying with a lot of noise and distractions may work for some students, but there are still those who like to study with peace and quiet.

"I like to be quiet, organized, and focused," Arshardae Johnson, senior social work major, said. "I have to have my mind on what I'm doing. If my mind isn't on it, then I won't get it done."

- Shelita Dalton



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(Above) Studying isn't always limited to books and nates. Brendan Mizener, senior music education major, prepares for class by practicing the tenors in the Creative and Performing Arts Building.



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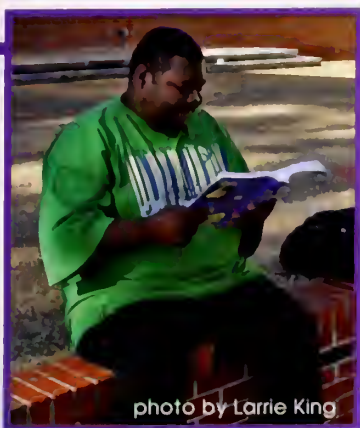


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(Far Left) Senior Jeremy Murray studies music education on the outdoor stage of A. A. Fredericks

(Middle) Coty Verdin, sophomore criminal justice and biology major, prefers to study barefoot on the swing outside of CAPA. She said the motion is meditative and helps her concentrate.

(Left) Sophomore Kathleen Thomas studies Spanish behind Kyser Hall before class. To escape the noisiness of the Student Union or in hallways, some chose quiet corners for much-needed studying.



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(Above Left) Jeffrey McNeor, freshman electrical engineering major, simultaneously studies and plays Guitar Hero. He reads a few paragraphs then plays a song.

(Left) Junior Kevin Smith studies occupational health while texting and listening to music in the Friedman Student Union. Side distractions do not affect some people like it does others.



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(Above) A group of 30 South Korean teachers come to NSU over the summer for a two-week exchange program and took English speaking and education classes. Pictured with the South Korean students are Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education, and Kioh Kim, assistant professor of education technology.

(Right) Hollie Alvarez, senior education major, talks with a student while teaching in South Korea. Alvarez taught in South Korea from March to May, as part of a cultural exchange program with NSU and the Chungnam Office of Education.

(Below) Kioh Kim, assistant professor of education technology and developer for the South Korean exchange program, talks to a class of South Korean teachers in the Teacher Education Center.



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Switching roles

Bridging Cultures
Through Education

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(Education)

The South Korean cultural exchange program has enabled NSU students to teach in South Korea and has allowed South Korean teachers to travel to NSU to learn more about the American culture and teaching English – creating a full circle of education that transcended cultural boundaries.

Dr. Kioh Kim, assistant professor of education technology, worked to develop a relationship between the Chungnam Office of Education in South Korea and NSU through means of education.

Last year, five NSU education and English major students traveled to South Korea in the fall to earn credit hours through field experience by teaching in the South Korean K-12 classrooms for two months. In the following spring, two NSU and five Louisiana Tech students went to South Korea.

Hollie Alvarez, senior education major, was one of the spring participants and only had a month to prepare for her trip to South Korea in March, but she said she it was where she needed to be.

"The week before (I left), people would be asking me if I was nervous, and I wasn't; I really wasn't. I was ready," Alvarez said. "It was something I needed for myself."

Alvarez taught classes at the third level of South Korean middle school, equivalent to American 9th grade. She taught 16 classes a week, three of which she saw twice a week, and had a co-teacher that would sometimes assist or watch over her while she taught.

Alvarez took NSU online classes while in South Korea, but still had time to have some fun. She described going on a talk show on the South Korean education channel as "crazy," went to museums and a theme park with her host family and traveled around the province with other foreigners.

"It was everything I could have wanted and more," Alvarez said. "Two months wasn't nearly enough. I wish it was longer."

Alvarez also learned about the South Korean culture. She said it was challenging to adapt, but was overall the best learning tool for her. While the experience was well worth all that it took to get there and teach, she realized that it might not be ideal for everyone.

Donyelle Clark, senior English major, knew the opportunity to teach English in South Korea was definitely for her because she wanted to be a speech pathologist.

"I just thought that it would be a good life experience and would benefit the career I plan to pursue," Clark said. "Especially since Northwestern doesn't offer a speech pathology program, so if I have something like that (teaching in Korea experience), it'll benefit me when applying to grad schools."

The cultural exchange program came full circle when 30 South Korean teachers traveled to NSU for the first time to take classes on English speaking skills and teaching techniques over the summer.

The South Korean teachers stayed in University Place I during two weeks of their stay. They also boarded in the homes of some faculty members and volunteers from the First Baptist Church for five days.

"First Baptist church people were very helpful to us. And president of the university and all the staff were so friendly to us," Soojin Cho, six-year Korean English teacher, said.

The group also took day trips to local attractions like the Old Courthouse Museum, the alligator park and plantations. They went to a few local schools to view the teaching environment and took trips to grocery stores to practice their English and buy supplies.

Most foreigners look forward to visiting the bigger cities of the US, but Kim said Natchitoches started to grow on them after being here a while.

"They love this place," Kim said. "They have been telling me that this is very peaceful and a lovely place."

Since this was the first time for the Koreans to come to NSU, it was a big stepping stone for the cultural exchange program. NSU plans to continue sending students to South Korea during the fall and spring semesters while the South Korean teachers continue to come to NSU over the summer.

"From the successful program, I feel the relationship between NSU and the Chungnam Office of Education has gotten closer," Kim said. "I wish this program goes on successfully."

-Kera Simon



Preparing the Path setting the journey

The Bossier Parish Community College has become a gateway for high school graduates and GED recipients to enter into the NSU system.

Fall 2004, the Louisiana Board of Regents created BPCC at NSU to enable students the opportunity to build credit hours within the community college and then transfer to an university there were first not eligible to attend.

NSU used to be open admissions, but that is no longer the case. Students were originally required to have either a high school diploma or a GED, but did not need to have a certain grade point average or ACT score in order to be admitted. Over the years, however, admission standards have become increasingly difficult.

Receiving its greatest number of transfers in fall 2008, the one-of-a-kind Louisiana program has proven to be a success since classes began fall 2005.

BPCC teachers strive to help students as much as they can. Michelle Anthony, freshman physical therapy major, plans to continue her education at NSU.

"I really like my teachers," she said. "They break down the work so you can understand and they go over it until you get it."

BPCC students on campus share a similar experience to NSU students.

Michael Prier, sophomore business administration major, transferred to NSU after attending BPCC.

"It's been a year since I've transferred, and I don't see too much of a difference between BPCC and the university," Prier said.

BPCC students pay the same school fees as NSU students, have the opportunity to participate in on-campus activities and are able use the school's facilities.

Unlike NSU students, however, those at BPCC cannot join any organizations, and they are not required to choose a major.

Financial aid scholarships and TOPS are also available to BPCC students.

"There is a second TOPS," McConathy said. "There's the university TOPS and then there's TOPS for technology and community college students."

The TOPS offered to community college students, which requires a lower ACT score, pays the students' tuition only while at a community college. Students are no longer offered the scholarship when enrolled in a four-year university.

After a student completes BPCC's 12-credit hour program with a 2.0 GPA, they can apply to any university.

- Sarah Cramer



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(Above) Professor Ken Botes instructs his American history class. The course is offered in two parts: American History 201 and 202.



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(Left) Students take notes in American history, one of the many courses offered in the BPCC at NSU program. The class is equivalent to the American history class taught at NSU.



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(Far Left) Ruth Rabertson, administrative assistant, sits at her desk in the BPCC office. The office is open and available to all students Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

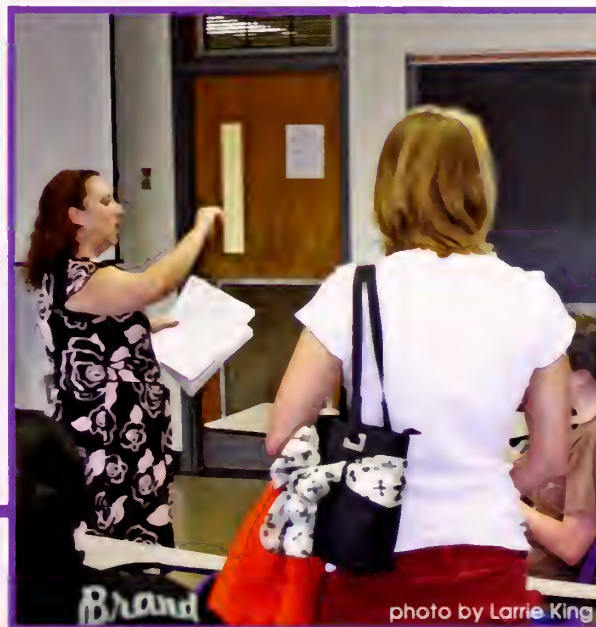


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(Left) Students learn English basics in Amy Callahan's, instructor English 101 course. The course is strictly for BPCC students and is equivalent to NSU's English 1010.

Dr. Webb

outgrowing the shoes of the past

With 12 years experience as NSU president, Dr. Randall J. Webb has used the example set by former presidents, his experience from previous jobs and his love for NSU that dates back to his undergraduate degree as guides to continue improving the university.

"If you look back at Northwestern's history, this place has had some really outstanding people serve as president," Webb said. "You can find that with every president, they've all brought a lot to the table and I try to learn from all of them."

Webb knew a few NSU presidents before his reign. Robert Alost, A.A. Fredericks, John Keyser and Arnold R. Kilpatrick were all fine presidents, he said.

"I look for the good in all of them and try to learn from them," Webb said. "If they made mistakes, like I do sometimes, I try to learn from their mistakes too."

The first goal he set as president when he took the position in 1996 was to improve the academic standing of the university. Webb pushed for national and regional accreditation for every single available degree program.

Approximately two-thirds of the degrees were accredited at NSU when he stepped in as president, and within a few years NSU was able to

retain accreditation for the degrees already accredited and obtain new accreditations for other degrees.

Now NSU is fully accredited—a feat, Webb said, that is not easy for universities.

Another aspect he pushed was the importance of conducting external reviews for every single academic program that does not have a national accrediting association tied to it.

"That makes us stay on our toes in the services we use to support our academic programs," Webb said.

The progression of NSU's academic integrity has been the most significant change since he's been president, Webb said.

"I feel as though the image of the university has been strengthened. I think probably in large measure because we place a top priority on improving the overall academic picture of the university," he said. "I never want to go anywhere that I can't tell a prospective student, or his or her parents, that you get a first-rate education here at Northwestern. That's so important to me."

After earning two bachelors' and one master's degree at NSU, Webb now strives to give students the best education possible because he remembers what drove him to stay.

"I love being here," he said. "It's a good place, and it's why I want it to be nice for ya'll. I want you to have the kind of experience I had."

- Kera Simon



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Did You Know?

Roy Hall, A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts, Prather Coliseum, Keyser Hall and Bienvenu Hall were all named after past presidents — Victor L. Roy (1911-1929), Albert A. Fredericks (1934-1941), H. Lee Prather (1950-1954), John S. Keyser (1954-1966) and Rene J. Bienvenu Jr. (1978-1982).

Randall J. Webb is the 17th president of NSU.

The title of the longest serving president in the history of NSU goes to Victor L. Roy (1911-1929) for his 18 years as president.



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1996
Installed as 17th President of NSU

1989
Came to NSU as the dean of instruction and graduate studies and taught math classes

1976
Named director of institutional research and later named registrar of the university at Southeastern State University in Hammond

1974
Moved to Baton Rouge to work for the Louisiana Department of Education

1971
Married his wife, Brenda, and went back to teach in Virginia

1969
Started at the University of Southern Mississippi to earn his doctorate in secondary education, met future wife, Brenda Williams

1966
Graduated with Masters of Science in Mathematics and traveled to his first job at a Women's Normal School in Virginia

1965
Graduated with bachelor's in mathematics and business education



1962
NSU Freshman year



Born in Natchitoches
March 20, 1943



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(Right) Top graduates from the College of Science and Technology, the College of Business and the Louisiana Scholars' College were recognized prior to afternoon commencement ceremonies at NSU on May 9, 2008. Seated from left are Erin Jahnsan of Eunice, Melissa Rabinsan of Gravatwn Ga., Jessica Craig of Franklin and Jenna Braussard of Lake Charles, Science and Technology, and Latayia Pea of Hustan, University College. Standing are Gerald Long, Dorde Kusjic of Banjaluka, Basnia, Scholars' College; Jashua Oliver of Maringauin, Aaron Nash of Burr Ferry, Bradley Rivers of Zwalle, McKennan Thurstan of Margan, Utah; Daniel Klucznik of Bassier City, College of Science and Technology, alumnus and hanarary dactarate recipient Joe Dow and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.



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(Right) The class of 1958 received hanaring second diplamas. Recipients (in alphabetical order): James F. Bennett, Winnie L. Bennett, Terry Baaty, Hallis R. Bray, Andrew Marris Bruce, Mary Waillette Bryant, Paula Walden Burnitt, James Kenneth Carley, Juanita Martinez Cautee, Wilburn Crnkavic, Jean McGlathlin Daerge, Frank Ebarb, Randell A. Fletcher, Jimmy D. Hayes, Darlene Harms Hicks, Jane Brawn Huff, Max Huff, C. Elizabeth Walker Jahnsan, Marianne James Juneau, Charles E. LaRaux, O. Bryant Lewis, Marvin Francis Lewis, Dewey Page, Linda Whitehead Perat, James P. Plumb, Billy Plunkett, Caralyn H. Herwin Rigbsy, James L. Raugeau, Frances Elaiuse Sanders, Carl O. Speed, Anita Ruth Simmans Stedman, Babbie Rae Stott, Lloyd M. Swar, Kenneth Lee Terwey, Katherine Muse Timan, David Vargas, Babbie Karnegay Vaarhies, Mary Ja Masingill Whittingtan, Patricia Cawart Wilkersan and Katie Jean Myers Young.



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Reaching the Milestone

a means to an end

Endless nights reading text books, continuous hours at the library and a personal contribution to the Red Bull Company. The hope graduation is just around the corner appears to be the only thing pushing students forward through the anxiety of exams.

More than 700 graduates walked across stage in front of their peers, educators and loved ones at spring commencement. These students proved the end surpassed the means as they shook hands with President Webb and flashed the audience award-winning smiles. Dr. John Ruffin and La. Senator Gerald Long spoke at the graduation ceremonies.

While the milestone appears great, graduation takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Students must not only complete their course requirements but also plan a semester in advance and begin filling out the graduation application form.

"Those who are ready to be done but see no end in sight: Stick with it, it will be over before you realize," cum laude graduate Scott Conyers, bachelor's in history, said. "Every moment studying or writing a paper is worth it once you graduate."

The graduates included students from all colleges and graduate studies programs.

The College of Business awarded 78 degrees, the College of Education awarded 20 degrees. One hundred and seventy-seven degrees were awarded by the College of Liberal Arts and 160 from the College of Nursing. Louisiana Scholar's College awarded 15 degrees, the College of Science and Technology awarded 104 and the University College awarded 110. One hundred and eighteen students received their masters from the Graduate Studies department.

In spring 2008, 134 students graduated with special honors. Out of these students, 28 graduated summa cum laude, with supreme honor, 42 students graduated magna cum laude, with great honor, and 64 students graduated cum laude, with honor.

To achieve summa cum laude, graduates must achieve at least a 3.9 GPA, at least a 3.7 GPA for magna cum laude, and at least a 3.5 GPA for cum laude.

These graduates were not only recognized during the ceremony, but also received medallions to signify their achievements.

-Bethany Frank





1933

"To present a true picture of the student life at this college, and to preserve a record of the happenings here during the past year, have been the aims of the 1933 Potpourri"



1959

Kahne Dipoala was crowned the first Lady of the Bracelet in 1959. A tradition, originating from the Potpourri's superlative section in the annual, has provided scholarship opportunities for the past 50 years.



1971

NSU has undergone many names in the past, but the essence of the student body has remained constant throughout the years.

"We lived not only for academics, but for the happy times, too...the parties...the laughter...the sweet taste of victory...for through all this, we learned."



2001

While the true date of Isabella's origin is unknown, the tale has become a legend at NSU. Isabella moved to her new home in 2001, when 750 students, alumni, faculty and staff joined in a ceremony to settle her in the National Center for Preservation, Technology and Training building.

student life

Roommate (noun):

best friend, worst enemy, financial aide

Roommates are an essential part of student life on NSU's campus.

In a home away from home, a roommate can become your new best friend. On the other hand, moving away from home can have its downsides.

Being new to college and seeing so many new faces can be overwhelming and living with a total stranger can be scary.

Two to four people uniting to start a new journey in life can be hard and a life testing challenge depending on the groups personality, but you can possibly find a life-long comrade.

"Having a roommate changed my life because I have gained a great friend. On the other hand it made me realize that it is hard to live with four other girls," Whytley Jones, junior biology major, said.

Conflicts start to rise when roommates don't respect the privacy of the people who live with them. Small problems begin to progress into larger ones and can soon become everlasting disagreements with your arch-enemy.

"A big pet peeve of mine is when my roommates and their friends eat my food without asking or without paying," Christopher Alcone, sophomore general studies major, said. "I cannot afford for them to do it over and over because I am on a set budget each month."

Dorm life isn't all bad. Life with roommates bring new challenges. Happiness is in the air because friends are around the corner, and new opportunities are always right down the hall.

If you're lucky enough, you will find astonishing new friends who will help you transition from living on campus to moving off campus.

If a student is considering moving off campus, having a roommate can save them from paying outrageous rent, high grocery prices and expensive bills. Roommates can carpool to help offset the cost of high gas prices.

"Searching and moving off campus with the right person can really save us students and our parents money, considering the present economic situations in the U.S.," Alanda Jackson, junior history major, said.

Moving off campus can also help students save money as far as school fees. With the remaining money, from not purchasing a meal ticket and campus housing, students can receive a refund check. This enables them to afford off-campus housing.

At the end of each semester, whether your roommate experience was good or bad, it is an experience that you do not want to forget.

- Tori Ladd



(Above) Davan Richard, freshman nursing major, and Kourtney Reece, freshman radiology major, check their emails as they wait for the laundry. Having a roommate can help to take off some of the workload when doing chores such as these.



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(Above) Lamar Pitre, freshman psychology major, and his older roommate, Dywane Robinson, junior computer information systems major, enjoy watching a football game on the television. Watching television is a popular way that roommates spend time together.

(Left) Dylan Carkern, freshman general studies major, and Jerett Crumbley, freshman math major, relax and play video games. Activities like these are common among roommates, especially males.

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FASHION



1910s: Shirt collars in the 1900's fashion were tall and stiff. For formal wear, collars were turned over and resembled wings. Most dress shirts were very stiff and had shirt studs. The shirts buttoned up in the back, not the front. Another popular shirt style for daily wear was a shirt with stripes.

1920s: The flappers represented a drastic change in the way women dressed. In order to look more like a "little boy" women tightly waisted their chests to give them a flatter look. The waists of their clothes were also dropped to the hip line.

1930s: In the 1930s men's clothing put more emphasis on the chest. They wore jackets with short lapels, the continuation of the coat collar. Their pants were wide-legged and high-waisted.

1940s: During this period women wore small hats with netting that hung over their face. Shoes were generally closed-toed and included lace, buttons or buckles.

1950s: Men's fashion was generally had a laid back and conservative look. Menswear featured fabrics in plain and dark colors such as blue and gray.

1960s: The miniskirt was trendy during this decade. Tights were also introduced during this time period. The introduction of tights freed women from girdles.

1970s: At the peak of their popularity, platform shoes could be seen with soles of 4 inches. Soon after, clags were included in the trend.

1980s: Leg warmers and headbands made up the "valley girl" fad of the 80s. This trend began in California and quickly spread across the United States.

1990s: Though they did not originate during this period, jellybean sandals were a popular fashion trend of the 1990s. Hip huggers were also frequently worn during this time.

(Left) Virginia Atkinson, a 1959 Lady of the Bracelet contestant, displays a glimpse of the fashion of the late 1950s. During this time, short hair was a popular trend for young women.

Fashion



2009 Trends

Silent expression and individuality flourished in the new millennium.
Clothes were no longer something you simply wore.
They were your identification tag.





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2008 Homecoming Court

(Front Row) Hasim Jones, Rabin Williams, Manica Randazza, Andi Finimare, Lauren Lupa, Raderick Wilsan, Rachel McCalister, Kayla Pitcher, Marissa Guidry, Maryann Mbaka, Lauren Hughes, Akilah Givens, and Phillip Jean-Louis Jr., **(Back Row)** Kendal Vinning, Jeremy Evans, Eddie Higginbatham, Diante' Turner, Nick Caurville, Wil Adams, and Devin Owens

Homecoming King & Queen

Imagine you are at your house washing dishes, minding your own business when suddenly you get an unexpected phone call from one of your best friends, letting you know you have just been named Homecoming Queen.

That scenario was pure reality for junior secondary business major Rachel McCalister.

"I was like, what? the queen? are you sure? you mean the person with the crown?" she said. "I kind of freaked out. I was really in shock."

McCalister said this year's homecoming proved to be a wonderful occasion.

"I enjoyed it to the fullest," she said. "I went to all of the events and I tried to stay as long as I could."

Along with being Homecoming Queen, McCalister is a member of several on-campus organizations, including The Blue Key Honor Society, Demon VIP, Alpha Lambda Delta, Order of Omega, the Presidential Leadership Association and a former freshman connector. She is also the vice president of Phi Mu and the Coffee House Committee head for the Student Activities Board.

Though she is an active student, McCalister, a Natchitoches native, didn't always plan on coming to NSU.

"I wanted Northwestern but I didn't want it in Natchitoches. I wanted to kind of get away," she said.

McCalister said getting involved in school allows her to feel as though she's not at home.

"I have my own world, and my mom and dad call me just like everyone else's," she said. "I've really enjoyed it, and I pretty much picked it because I think Northwestern's a great school."



photo by Ashley Hayes

- Shelita Dalton

Freshman Connection was the moment Lauren Hughes, senior business administration major, knew she wanted to come to NSU.

Before then, Hughes, who was elected Miss NSU for the 2008 school year, didn't have any plans to attend.

"I had already committed to go and play basketball at Tri-State University, which is in Indiana," Hughes said. "I remember getting there (Freshman Connection) and being like 'I'm not speaking to nobody' and then by the end of the day I knew everybody in my group."

Four years later, she reigns as Miss NSU. Hughes said she was in disbelief when she found out about her win.

"I just thought about my growth, because when I first came up here all I did was play basketball in the WRAC and went to class, and because of these different organizations, it forced me to get involved."

Hughes is a member of several on-campus organizations, including Helping Hands, Blue Key Honor Society, Order of Omega, Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma and Purple Jackets. She has also been a Greek 1010 and FYI facilitator, and serves as President of the Iota Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

After college, Hughes plans on getting her master's and later working for State Farm. She said she also wants to start her own little league basketball team.

Along with getting her degree and working hard, Hughes also sees something else in the near future.

"I do see myself married in five years. That's the goal right there, married at 27," she said. "It probably won't happen because I'm so ambitious, but that is the goal."

- Shelita Dalton



Mr. & Miss NSU



Fellow peers electing someone into an esteemed position may be seen as an honorable goal, but, like one student found out, being chosen for two positions is an entirely different story.

"I found out about Mr. NSU and Homecoming King at the same time, and I was really shocked and honored that the people who went to vote, elected me to those two highest positions," Roderick Wilson, senior HMT major, said.

Wilson said he is big on campus involvement and enjoys helping students find themselves. He is the president of the Student Activities Board and president of Theta Chi, a member of Demon VIP, Blue Key Honor society and a volunteer with the office of student activities. He also does work with Freshman Connection.

Wilson said this year's homecoming was an incredible experience.

"To be on the homecoming court with some of my best friends was pretty amazing," he said. "Even if I didn't know some of them, I got to know them."

Although he achieved the honor of being elected Mr. NSU and Homecoming King, those are not Wilson's ultimate goals.

"Ultimately I want to become a special events planner and do a lot of marketing and public relations work," Wilson said. "I just like to be out with people, and I love programming and doing things like that."

Wilson said in the next five years he sees himself just coming out of graduate school, with a stable job and a great career.

"I see myself in a bigger city, moving and shaking," he said. "I see myself living life and just living the American dream."

- Shelita Dalton

Party Like an NSU Rock Star Homecoming 2008





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Costly Essentials

rising cost of textbooks leave some students weary

Resentment from students about high textbook prices is understandable in the university setting. However, the addition of two new bookstores in Natchitoches fueled healthy competition that did not previously exist.

According to a 2005 study by the Government Accountability Office, textbook prices increased about six percent per year, twice the rate of inflation, in the last 20 years.

A report by the U.S Federation of Public Interest Groups found that students spend an average of \$900 a year on textbooks and supplies.

"I feel that the bookstores are over pricing the books. This year has been more expensive than in the years past," Matthew Koon, senior HMT major, said. "I ended up paying \$455 for four books. If the teachers would give you the book list a little earlier then the student could buy books a little cheaper."

The opportunity for competitive pricing was created this year when the University Bookstore operator changed from Campus Corner to Barnes and Noble and a third bookstore, Demon Bookstore, opened.

"I feel as though the book prices at one bookstore was fairly cheaper and a better bargain than the others," Gretchun Beverly, senior psychology major, said.

The role of Campus Corner was first tested in the spring when NSU opted out of the final one-year

extension of its on-campus bookstore lease to Campus Corner. That is when NSU allowed other textbook providers to bid for the lease, which was rewarded to Barnes and Noble over the summer.

Then at the end of the spring semester, the Demon Bookstore challenged Campus Corner during buy-back season.

By fall, students had all three options: Barnes and Noble, Campus Corner and Demon Bookstore. Many students played the textbook field when purchasing their books, going back and forth to find the lowest possible price.

Whether students had to buy one book or ten, textbook prices ranged high and low from student to student, and mostly depend on the severity of the semester.

"My textbook prices weren't actually that high. I only had to buy three textbooks, which I got for a combined price of about \$180," Brenden Mizner, senior percussion major, said. "With the economy in the state it is, however, that was still a fair amount of money, and I definitely don't envy those people who have much greater fiscal responsibility with their textbooks."

-Kera Simon

-Sarah Cramer

contributed to this story



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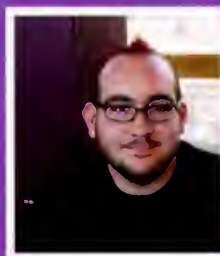


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How do you feel about textbook prices?

"The \$15 we get back is so (not) worth the \$150 we pay. I wish they would not cost so much."

Leshea Charleville
freshman general studies major

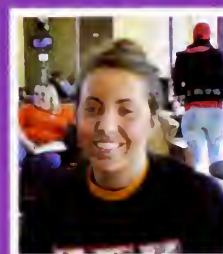


"I'm not too happy with it. I had to pay full price. It's ridiculous."

James Bishop
freshman chemistry major

"The only thing I would say is it's crazy we pay \$200 for a book and get \$5 back."

Kacey Buckner
junior biology major

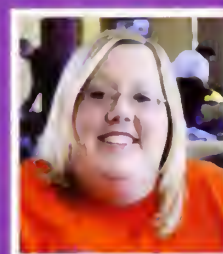


"If we have to pay that much, I feel that we should get at least 75% back. They shouldn't change (the books) out so soon."

Stephen Llorens
senior graphic design major

"Ridiculous. I think the biggest scam ever because you have to buy them."

Heather Gross
senior general studies major





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Dead by Morning

Throughout their history, the band Dead by Morning has had several different members and played various types of music.

Starting as Project Crisis, the band had trouble finding compatible members. As things started coming together, the name was changed to Dead by Morning. The band is a collection of distinct personalities.

"I think the diversity in this band is probably one of the coolest things about us," Tim Dorman, freshman theatre major and keyboardist, said.

Most of the band attends NSU, with the exception of singer Chad Bentley, who is a band director at NSU, and guitarist Cord Buchanan. Band members said the stress of maintaining a band and good grades is not really a factor because they use the information they learn as music majors to help the group grow.

"It's worth studying because it applies to my band," Michael Belew, graduate student in music education and guitarist, said.

Dead by Morning has fans in Northern Louisiana and Texas. Since the band prefers to perform at all-age venues, their fans range from high school students to college graduates.

Even though Dead by Morning is considered a metal band, their songs have an upbeat vibe.

"We take real live situations, people we've met and places we've gone, and we write positively about them," Belew said. "We always strive to be positive."

Although the band is not signed yet, they are on the road to success. This summer, Dead by Morning will record under StandBy Records in Ohio.

The group has come a long way since their first performance at Frosty Factory in Alexandria and hopes to realize their dream of being recording artists.

"That's the ultimate goal; to get signed and tour and perform," Mitch Moehring, senior music education major and bassist, said.

- Taylor Graves



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Them Jazz Catz

With the combination of guitar, bass, piano, trumpet, drums and vocals, Them Jazz Catz has brought a different style of music to Natchitoches.

Starting with the classic jazz melody, the band has progressed into modern bop and neo-jazz. This transition was inspired by Northern jazz styles.

"I was really motivated by the sounds I was hearing from up North, and people experimenting," trumpeter Carlos Ortiz IV, senior music performance major, said.

Most of the songs they play are from a "fake book," a list of songs with their sheet music played by other jazz musicians. However, the band is beginning to write original songs that fit their new style of music.

Ortiz IV also plays with other bands in Natchitoches and the surrounding areas.

"Feeding off of other writers helps because when you're writing you get inspiration from other people," Ortiz said.

Them Jazz Catz can be heard throughout Natchitoches at weddings, on Front Street and at almost every city event. They have also performed at several election conventions around the area.

Although the band has not received a record deal, they remain determined. They are hoping to put out a demo CD soon using their home recording equipment.

With all of the band members graduating in 2009, they plan to do a performance on a cruise to celebrate the end and a new beginning.

- Taylor Graves





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THE ISSUES

DEMOCRATS VS. REPUBLICANS



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Choice: The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right.

ABORTION

We assert the inherent dignity and sanctity of all human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life, which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution, and we endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children.

We support the full inclusion of all families, including same-sex couples, in the life of our nation, and support equal responsibility, benefits, and protections. We will enact a comprehensive bipartisan employment non-discrimination act. We oppose the Defense of Marriage Act and all attempts to use this issue to divide us.

GAY MARRIAGE

Because our children's future is best preserved within the traditional understanding of marriage, we call for a constitutional amendment that fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman, so that judges cannot make other arrangements equivalent to it.

Our current immigration system has been broken for far too long. We need comprehensive immigration reform, not just piecemeal efforts. We are committed to pursuing tough, practical, and humane immigration reform in the first year of the next administration.

IMMIGRATION

Border security is essential to national security. In an age of terrorism, drug cartels, and criminal gangs, allowing millions of unidentified persons to enter and remain in this country poses grave risks to the sovereignty of the United States and the security of its people. We simply must be able to track who is entering and leaving our country.

We will provide an immediate energy rebate to American families struggling with the record price of gasoline and the skyrocketing cost of other necessities- to spend on those basic needs and energy efficient measures. We will devote \$50 billion to jumpstarting the economy, helping economic growth, and preventing another one million jobs from being lost.

ECONOMY

Sound tax policy alone may not ensure economic stability, but terrible tax policies guarantee economic failure. Along with making the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent so American families will not face a large tax hike, Republicans will advance tax policies to support American families, promote savings and innovation, and put us on a path to fundamental tax reform.

An American Milestone

making history

The results are in, and Sen. Barack Obama is trading in his title for president.

Obama has stepped in as the country's 44th president and its first black president. His victory on election night marked the end of a 21-month presidential campaign season – the longest in U.S. history.

"This is a history-making election," Garrison Moore, vocal music performance major, said.

National polls showed Obama with an 8-point lead over McCain going into the election, according to a CNN.com article.

A Nov. 5 article on MSNBC.com stated Obama beat McCain by 52 percent to 46 percent in the election. The new president had 365 electoral votes compared to 173 for McCain, according to CNN.com's "ElectionCenter 2008."

"I thought he would win, but not by so much," Andrew Stacy, NSU alum, said.

The polls and media were not the only ones predicting Obama's victory. Many NSU students gave the same guess.

Stephen Varice, freshman business management

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major, said on Election Day he thought Obama would win, which was also the outcome he wanted.

Derrick Houston, junior math education major who voted absentee, agreed with Varice in his choice for president.

"I feel like he's the best candidate, (far) what he stands for," Houston said before the results were in. "It's time for a change."

Dianté Turner, junior business administration major, said Tuesday afternoon he was confident Obama would win.

"Not only is it time, but it's the place (for Obama)," Turner said.

He said he believes Obama is ready to lead the country, which is also what Obama said in his inaugural speech on Jan. 20.

"Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real," Obama said after taking his oath of office. "They are serious, and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America: They will be met."

As a John McCain supporter, Matt May said he was initially upset that McCain lost, but he didn't stay that way.

"It didn't take long to get over that," May, junior HMT major, said. "Since I am an American, I'm going to do my best to support our president."

Serena Holliday, senior social work major, said she expected the 44th president to have to overcome the big hurdle--the country's current financial slump.

With the election over, students are looking to what is to come next.

Andrew Stacy (classification, major) said he expected a little bit of everything the day after the election.

"We (U.S. citizens) have been polarized for a while now, so I don't expect it all to go away instantly," Stacy said. "I am expecting to see people skipping in the streets and people grumbling and moping."

Turner said he didn't know what to expect on Nov. 5 other than an exciting day, but he did not want the election to divide the U.S.

Stacy said the public will eventually find a way to come together.

"Though we are polarized now, we are all Americans, and I earnestly believe that we are going to work together to fix our problems," Stacy said. "It is what we do, coming together in the face of our great obstacles."

Since the election is over and Obama has taken office, NSU students prepared to leave the long-winded campaign season behind.

After the election and Obama's inauguration, Stacy said he is glad to be able to leave behind the "red vs. blue" mindset, but he is still glad he voted.

"I am glad that I was a part of history, and for the first time in a good while I am optimistic about the hands that run the government – ours," Stacy said.

- Leigh Guldry

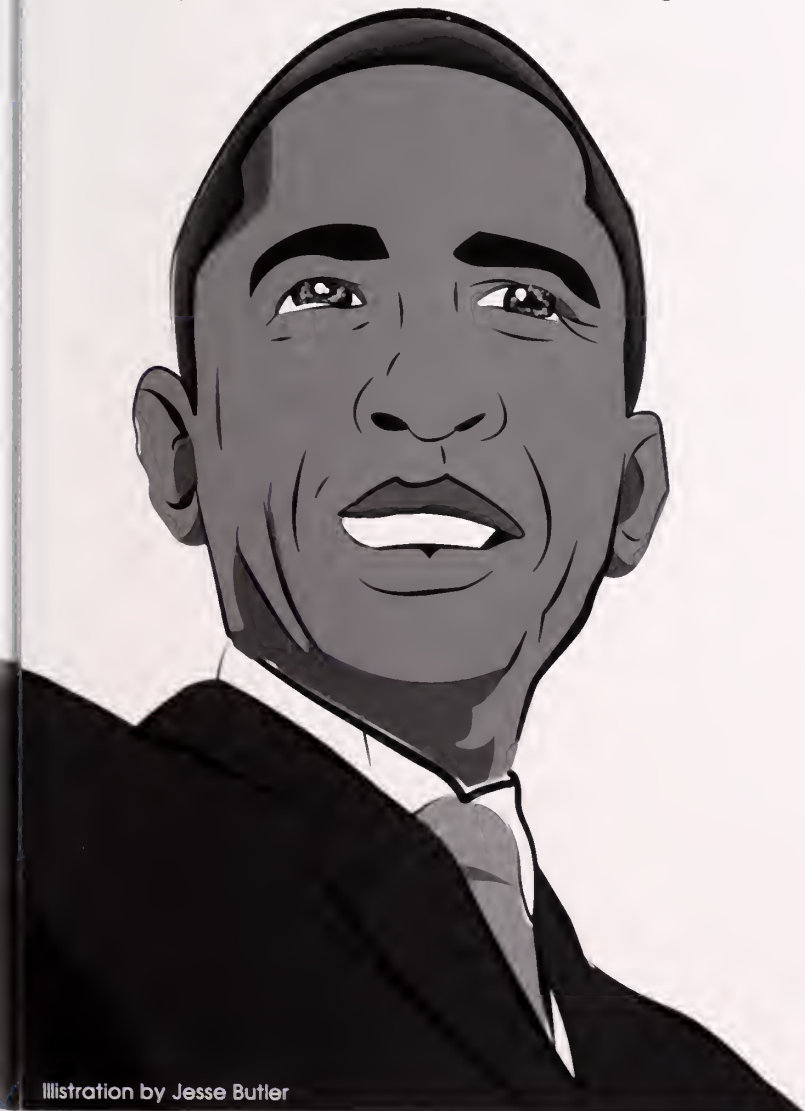


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Jobs getting scarce

It happened a year before anyone got word. The recession many thought started in November 2008 actually started one-year prior in December 2007, according to MSNBC.com.

A collapsing housing market, plunging stock prices, rising unemployment and several other economic woes shook America's economy in 2008 and weren't expected to settle until 2010.

At the heart of these troubling times was the housing market. Many borrowers defaulted on their home loans because mortgage companies bought and insured too many risky loans.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, mortgage finance companies that held or guaranteed more than half the nation's mortgages, received a bailout that allowed \$25 billion in loans to be guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Even though the median price for a house fell 13.2 percent, the lowest in 40 years, consumers still could not afford to purchase homes because of stricter lending regulations and unemployment. The number of unsold homes remained at historic

highs, despite dramatic price cuts and slowed construction.

In December 2008 unemployment was at 7.2 percent and was projected to rise into 2010. Microsoft cut 5,000 jobs and Intel cut 6,000 jobs in January.

Car companies like Chrysler LLC. and General Motors Corp. extended holiday shutdowns to cut vehicle production. But like many other industries, automakers were sinking. The two companies, GMC and Chrysler, received \$174 billion federal rescue package to help them to survive.

American citizens received some help from the government too. Those who qualified received a federal rebate check meant to stimulate the economy.

But with little assurance the economy suffered. The government also bailed out American International Group, one of the world's largest insurers, in a now \$150 billion bailout plan.

The struggles of the economy changed the lives of many, and with fears of another Great Depression many hoped the end was near.

Hurricanes

Hurricanes are not new to Louisiana-- just this season 16 named storms formed and eight became hurricanes, according to Weather.com.

But not since 2005 has NSU dealt with two in one semester. This year, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike caused NSU to house evacuees and cancel classes twice in a less than two-week span.

Gustav hit Louisiana on Aug. 30 as a category four, but quickly weakened to a category two. The intensity of the storm caused Louisiana's largest coastal evacuation to date, according to MSN.com.

The hurricane traveled over Natchitoches during the second week of the fall semester. While students already had the Monday off for Labor Day, university officials decided to cancel classes for both Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

NSU prepared for the worst for Gustav and worked with the Red Cross to provide accommodations for evacuees. The Health and Human Performance building transformed into a shelter for more about 650 evacuees, while Sabine Hall was opened to house 200 students from McNeese State University and the University of New Orleans. Evacuees in the Health and Human Performance building and Sabine Hall were housed for almost a full week.

Less than two weeks later on Sept. 13, the eye of Ike made landfall in Galveston, Texas, but also hit Louisiana due to its large size. The hurricane's large storm surge caused substantial damage to coastal areas of Louisiana such as Lake Charles and Cameron.

NSU once again accommodated evacuees and canceled classes for the Monday and Tuesday following the storm. The Demon vs. Grombling football game, which was originally scheduled for the Saturday Hurricane Ike hit, was moved to Sunday.

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-Kero Simon



Gas prices get steeper

In 2008, gas prices hit record highs, causing people's finances to hit record lows.

According to MSNBC.com, in order to ease the pain of the pump, some citizens cut back on several "luxuries" such as restaurant outings, internet access and cable television.

Brian Bethune, U.S. economist with Global Insight, said American citizens

began substituting high priced items with cheaper ones; such as choosing Great Value items over brand-named products.

Gas prices got so steep in some places that citizens were forced to minimize their trips to the mall and grocery stores, while others stopped using their cars altogether, according to MSNBC.com.

Citizens who had never used public transportation in their lives were forced to ride city buses. Some also went as far as buying food in bulk and planting gardens.

Deon Boker, co-director of the Center for Economic Policy and Research, told MSNBC.com that while gas prices were a problem, it was only a part of several others.

"Gas prices don't help, but I think the housing prices are a bigger part of it," he said. "People have lost a lot of wealth."

Kelley Tyson, a 32-year-old St. Louis, MO resident and her family were hit particularly hard by the economic crises and gas prices.

"If we just had a gas price increase and that was it, that would probably be OK to handle," Kelley said. "But when you're handling not getting raises or the gas prices plus the mortgage mess, it can all really make for some not-so-good times."

- Shelito Dalton

Proposition 8 sparks protests

On November 4, 2008, California citizens voted to pass Proposition 8, which outlawed same-sex marriages in the state. The ballot initiative passed 52.5 percent to 47.5 percent, overturning the May ruling that eliminated a previous ban on gay marriages.

The decision sparked protests across the country. On Nov. 15 a nationwide protest against the measure occurred in all 50 states, with several members of NSU's Lambda chapter participating in a protest in Shreveport.

In San Francisco, 2,000 protestors marched in opposition, stretching across at least three city blocks, while similar demonstrations occurred in Palm Springs and Long Beach according to CNN.com. In Salt Lake City, 2,000 people gathered at Temple Square to protest the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which strongly supported Proposition 8, while more than 10,000 protestors

gathered outside the LDS Church's Manhattan New York Temple.

While protestors charged the church with bankrolling the majority of the money used in the 'Yes on 8' campaign, the Mormon church said it was being unfairly singled out, while the Roman Catholic Church said their efforts to pass the measure did not target any specific group.

"The coalition of religious communities and citizens who supported Proposition 8 wanted to preserve 'the bedrock institution of marriage' between a man and a woman," Cardinal Roger Mahoney, the Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles told CNN.com.

In the wake of Proposition 8's passage, racial tensions erupted between African Americans, who were reported to have supported the measure by 70 percent in exit polls, and white gays and lesbians. Although the figure was eventually proven to be 58 percent in a report

by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, racial insults were hurled at blacks during marriage equality rallies, while black gay activists and bloggers, such as Rod McCullom and Josmyne Connick, charged that the mainstream gay rights organizations had done little to reach out to black voters or join forces with the black gay community.

"The white gay community never successfully communicated to blacks why it should matter to us above everything else -- not just to me as a lesbian but to blacks generally," Connick wrote in a LA Times opinion piece.

Since Proposition 8's passage, the status of marriages between gay couples remains unclear. Several lawsuits have been filed to nullify the decision, while supporters of the ban have filed suits to nullify the same-sex marriages performed while the unions were legal.

-Kevin Clarkston

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Briefs

The Student Government Association recruited students to serve as mystery shoppers in the on-campus dining areas.

The students filled out questionnaires in order to rate the service and food quality of Iberville Dining Hall and Vic's Restaurant, according to The Current Sauce.

The article also included some of the questions mystery shoppers were presented with on the survey. Some of the questions were: "Do you feel that you received value for both the food and service offered?" and "Were you acknowledged and treated fairly by the staff?"

Sodexo General Manager Vance Howe planned to continue evaluating students' campus dining experiences.

Shelito Dalton

English majors now have the option of selecting a concentration in film theory, according to The Current Sauce.

The Sauce stated that students would have a chance to study aspects of classic and contemporary cinematography.

NSU English professors Allen Bauman and Andy Crank came up with the idea. They wanted students to have the opportunity to analyze and digest the films they were viewing.

The professors will be using Kyser Hall for their classes. The classroom will be equipped with new seating, a large flat screen TV, a DVD player and surround sound.

- Shelito Dalton



photo by Amanda Crane

Jindal comes to town

LA Governor Bobby Jindal traveled to Natchitoches twice during the fall 2008 semester. For his first visit, Jindal spoke at the Natchitoches Events Center for a Louisiana superintendent retreat, but then visited the NSU campus for a town hall meeting.

In September, Jindal came to Natchitoches to inspect the damage caused by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. During this parish-to-parish tour of the state, Jindal took the opportunity to speak to superintendents and Natchitoches residents.

Jindal thanked the education superintendents for their hard work during the two hurricanes, like supplying school buses and drivers for evacuations and housing evacuees in school facilities.

He also had two suggestions for the group of superintendents—work on its accountability system for public education and encourage Louisiana students to continue their education, not only in four-year universi-

ties, but to also consider technical colleges.

Jindal put NSU in the spotlight, commenting on how he thought smaller universities, like NSU, should specialize instead on focusing on size. He said he had no plans to close smaller universities because they play a great role in educating Louisiana students.

During Jindal's second visit to Natchitoches in October, he spoke at Magale Recital Hall. He addressed issues concerning education, healthcare, the two hurricanes and even touched on capital punishment for child rapists. Jindal spoke about the changes he plans to bring to public education and the need for the state government to help graduating high school students make it to college. One way the state has tried to help is by completely funding the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).

Jindal emphasized the importance of keeping college graduates in Louisiana by creating more

in-state opportunities. He said he does recognize that too many Louisiana college graduates are leaving the state to find jobs.

Jindal's NSU visit was mostly due to a request from Sen. Gerald Long. President Randall Webb said, Jindal already planned to be a special guest at a political fundraiser at the Natchitoches Events Center for Sen. Long, and then decided to stop by NSU.

Webb knew Jindal would be coming to Natchitoches for Long, but he did not know the governor would be speaking at NSU until the week before. President Webb was pleased to see the large turn-out from students, faculty and the Natchitoches community, but would have liked to see more students in attendance.

After his speech, Jindal answered audience questions and stayed to meet and take pictures with the large crowd.

-Kera Simon

SGA cutbacks

In fall 2008 the Student Government Association approved a bill that reduced scholarships for executive board positions such as president, vice president and treasurer in an effort to free up funds.

The new policy cut the president's scholarship to \$3,000, the vice president's to \$2,000 and the treasurer's to \$1,000. SGA President Cody Bourque told the Current Sauce the executive board made the choice to reduce scholarships, and said the money saved would be used to plan a better budget, buy office supplies and prizes for students and projects.

A majority of SGA senators supported the bill, while only one voted against it and three senators were absent, according to the report provided by the SGA.

Not everyone agreed with the board's decision. SGA advisor Yonna Pasch was both supportive and critical.

"I applaud their efforts. However, these are leadership positions that are worked for, and students in those positions deserve the benefits," she said. "There are other ways to give back to the students other than money."

Pasch thought better management of the organization's money and working with the Student Self Assessed Fee Oversight Committee, which planned to secure more funding from Internet students' fees, were more practical solutions than smaller scholarships.

"It's good the execs are humble, but the big picture should also be looked at," she said. "But what's done is done."

-Kevin Clarkston



photo by Brandon McCauley

Fraternity caught black faced

If a picture says a thousand words, then what does one of white fraternity members, dressed as black people at a "slave auction" say?

That was the topic of debate this fall, when images of members of the Theta Mu chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity were posted on Facebook.

The fraternity hosted an auction, like many organizations, at the Student Body, a local bar, in October. As part of the auction, members performed skits to impress potential buyers. Some members dressed as popular black entertainers, copying their wardrobes

and hairstyles, and using "black face" to imitate their race.

When the pictures from the "slave auction" were seen on Facebook, they were brought to a university official because they were believed to be racist toward blacks. This sparked an investigation of the fraternity by NSU officials and the Kappa Sigma headquarters staff.

After a two-week investigation, it was determined the members had violated the fraternity's code of ethics and sanctions were enforced. The sanctions included sensitivity training, a membership review and

a letter of apology to the NSU student body and the Notchitoches community.

In the letter, printed in The Current Sauce, the fraternity expressed regret for their actions, writing they were unaware of the offensive nature of the auction and that it was never their intent to upset anyone. The letter also said the fraternity realized the need to be sensitive to the feelings of others and the need for thought before action.

-Trecey Rew

News Briefs

It was almost like winning the lottery.

A natural gas lease on university property brought NSU a \$44 million check.

In 1972, after his death, Farmer John Henry Crow willed the 36698-acre property in Desoto Parish to the university because of his friendship with a retired NSU professor.

The university hoped to use \$24 million for scholarships and \$1 million for grants for faculty research.

The property could be worth another \$2.2 million for the university if there is no production by 2010.

-Trecey Rew

Vic the Demon received a makeover in April with the demon logo redesigns.

NSU had not used Vic as their official symbol in a few decades, athletic marketing director Ryan Hallaway said. By creating an official demon caricature unique to the university, it is easier to carry NSU merchandise. They no longer have to search for a demon to incorporate in their design.

The athletic marketing department also created 12 new logos, featuring Vic and incorporating the new "NSU" font.

-Kero Simon

Busted beauty

Miss Teen Louisiana USA, Lindsey Evans, was required to hand over her crown after she was arrested on charges of theft and possession of marijuana.

Evans, NSU freshman journalism major, was not alone in her actions, however.

The Current Sauce, the Chicago Tribune and Shreveport Times reported the Bossier City police booked Evans and three other women on theft and drug charges.

An article in the Shreveport Times stated the women left Posadas in Bossier City without paying their \$46 tab.

However, because Evans left her purse behind, the restaurant's manager was able to find her driver's

license and marijuana.

Several NSU students had not heard about Evans' arrest. However, this did not leave them without opinions.

One student said Evans should not have run far. Miss Teen Louisiana USA if she was going to make the choices she did.

Another student agreed and said Evans' decision does not set a good example for children.

Evans relinquished her crown only 11 days prior to the day she was scheduled to pass it on the 2009 Miss Teen Louisiana USA.

-Shelita Dalton



photo by Bethany Frank

Students rejoice

Barack Obama's presidential victory spawned many celebrations across the country, and NSU was no exception.

Some, however, attracted the attention of the police.

During election night, NSU police responded to a fire alarm in University Place, which had accidentally been set off by students.

Police also responded to a "noise complaint" at the University Columns, where

a large crowd of cheering students had gathered in the road to celebrate Obama's victory.

Some officers flashed pepper spray cans to get students back into their apartments, with one student being led away—not arrested—by police.

Ultimately the students dispersed without incident.

-Kevin Clarkston

(Top Left) Mighty Max Superdogs, the former Burgerbees and Kingfish Burger, opened in May 2008. Mighty Max is located across Holy Cross Catholic Church on Second Street.

(Top Right) The Frosty Factory sign first appeared outside of the former McDonald's building on Highway 1 South before the summer. Owner Dwayne Arnold said the opening of the drive-thru liquor and frozen mixed drinks shop was delayed due to incorrect permits.

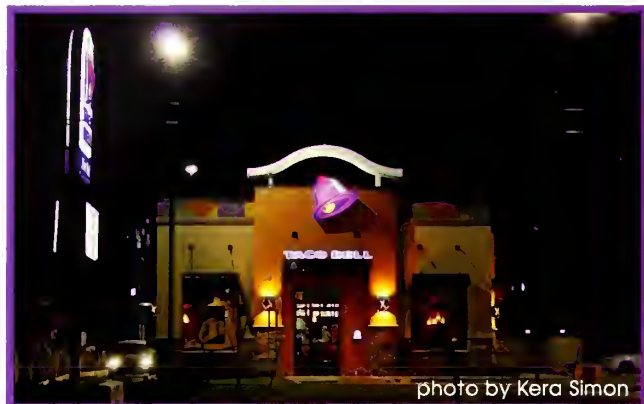


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New and Improved

Natchitoches adds more variety

Natchitoches was established in 1714 and is considered the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. In nearly 300 years, the city has grown and evolved, while still maintaining its historic charm.

Natchitoches boomed this year with the opening of new food franchises like Raising Cane's, Dairy Queen and Kentucky Fried Chicken, and the renovations of Taco Bell and historic Front Street-- proving the historic can be enhanced by the new advances of today.

The news of new fast food franchises started with Raising Cane's as early as February. As time went on, residents began eagerly watching the construction race as other sites such as KFC and Dairy Queen began laying foundations at the same time. Add complete renovation of Taco Bell over the summer and into the fall with all of the other franchise construction, and it became obvious that Natchitoches was modernizing.

KFC on Keyser Avenue was the first to open on Aug. 1. The town's reaction was considerably moderate-- a packed drive-thru for the first few days-- as compared to what was to come.

Taco Bell on Highway 1 South and Raising Cane's on Keyser Avenue both opened on Oct. 7. The in-dining seating for Taco Bell and Raising Cane's was packed for over a week, and drive-thru lines extended all the way to the adjacent roads.

Amanda McKinney, sophomore art major, said she couldn't wait for Taco Bell to open, and it was tough going a whole summer without it.

"I didn't think Taco Bell was ever coming back," she said. "It felt like it took the longest out of all of them (the other fast-food construction sites)."

DQ Grill and Chill opened on Nov. 10 on Highway 1 South. The franchise tested its menu items on some of the workers' family members before it was officially open, causing some confusion at first. Once the doors actually opened, Natchitoches was able to enjoy another option for their fast-food dining menu.

"I think the Natchitoches market is growing, and it's a good spot for potential locations. That's the word that we're getting from developers," Mayor Wayne McCullen said. "They think Natchitoches is a choice spot for future growth."



photo by Kera Simon

new road ahead

All of the fast-food frenzy was taking place while the bricks on Front Street were being re-laid. The eight-month project was the first time the city cleaned and repaired the bricks since they were first laid in 1904.

As reported by David Royal of "The Current Sauce", Natchitoches Director of Community Development Randy LaCaze said each brick was handled with extreme care and was safely stored while waiting to be inspected.

The city also took photographs of Front Street before the construction to ensure the bricks would be laid in their original positions after the construction was finished. The city also repaired drainage, electrical lines and the road's foundation to improve driving conditions.

Since Front Street is considered a state highway, the state covered 80 percent of the project's roughly \$3.2 million cost.

The project was broken down into three parts: first relaying the bricks in front of the Pioneer's Pub and the Natchitoches Tourism Bureau, followed by the section in front of Mama's and Papa's and lastly the area in front of The Landing, Hella Dally and the Back Merchant.

The bridge on Front Street also had to be closed for a week to re-lay the bricks at the intersection, causing an increase in traffic all over town.

McKinney lived near the bridge during the brick re-laying, but her patience toward the long-lasting renovation of Taca Bell did not lend itself to the road construction.

"It was a headache," McKinney said. "I had to leave my house 30 minutes early to get to work, which usually takes me four minutes."

David Halmes, senior business and general studies major, said the end result of the Front Street renovation is very nice, but the actual construction "pissed" him off. Halmes would use Front Street as a shortcut, but couldn't

do so far over six months during the construction. Even now, Halmes still can't use his former shortcut because of increased traffic due to the street's improvements.

"It's good to drive on now," Halmes said. "The bumpy road is no more."

The construction created some interest from visitors, which the city tried to turn into a positive by encouraging the curious to talk to the contractors and archaeologists on the site and learn a little history. Even with visitors still meandering around barricades and piles of bricks, many Front Street businesses had a drop in sales during the construction. Mayor McCullen said that was to be expected.

"Any time you have progress, there'll be some adverse effect," McCullen said. "Of course, all of them (the businesses) to a certain extent were adversely impacted, but we tried to keep the pedestrian traffic and sidewalks open so it didn't impact them totally."

Even though businesses did see a downturn in shoppers, McCullen said most owners were very pleased with the improvement project and the cooperation from the state and contractor.

An unforeseen benefit of the project was the discovery of an older house foundation beneath the bricks, which was estimated to date back to as early as 1810. Archaeologists also discovered beads, flints, plates, bottles, nails and bones on the site, which all predate 1904.

Though the project had a few delays because of bad weather and hurricanes, it was completed on Nov. 18, the week before the first fireworks display of the holiday season on Nov. 22.

"The project was completed timely, just in time for Christmas Festival," McCullen said. "And everyone thinks it was a great improvement, and all were very pleased with it. I've heard nothing but accolades."

- Kera Simon



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(Top Right) Michael Gill, saphmare education major, works as a manager at the local movie theater. The theater, Parkway Cinema 6, is located on Kyser Avenue.

(Top Left) Heath Baddie, junior secondary education major, makes smoothies at Smoothie King. Located right off campus on University Drive, Smoothie King is a convenient place for students to get a healthy snack.

(Bottom) Ruth Wisher, freshman journalism major, assists Jarred Hallis, senior biology major, at the Wellness and Recreation Center. Wisher also teaches step-and-tone classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m..



photo by Ashley Hayes



photo by Ashley Hayes

(Above) Darryl Joiner, senior general studies major, and Markarius Hendricks, senior biology major, work the cash registers at Raising Cane's. Raising Cane's opened this fall providing employment opportunities for students.

Occupation for Education

studying: not the only thing that pays

Being a college student is more than studying, classes and books. Many students need jobs just to afford school, and then there's gas, food and additional spending money. Living in Natchitoches gives students many job choices, from restaurants to grocery stores.

"My money from the theatre goes toward rent, gas, cigarettes and food," Michael Gill, sophomore education major, said.

Gill worked at the Parkway Cinema 6 for eight months and recently became manager. His favorite part of the job was the relaxed work environment and the ability to see free movies.

NSU offers various employment opportunities for students who cannot find off-campus jobs. Dawn Rae Bauman, student employment coordinator, helps many students get on-campus jobs.

"(NSU) has been awarding on-campus jobs to students for well over 20 years," Bauman said.

General student employment is offered through academic department funds. Some departments in need of students with skills like tutoring, computer programming and lifeguarding provide employment from their offices. The Federal work-study program funded by the federal

government is another student job opportunity.

NSU employment scholarships are also offered to freshmen.

Although most student employment jobs are secretarial, Ruth Wisher, freshman journalism major, teaches a step-and-tone class and works at the front desk for the Wellness Recreational Activity Center.

"I wanted to work on campus because of the environment and to interact with students," she said. "The best part of my job is being able to focus on school work when things are slow and working around my class schedule, which probably would be harder at an off-campus job."

Along with the Natchitoches campus, the Shreveport, Leesville and Alexandria campuses also offer on-campus employment.

The Job Location and Development Office in the Friedman Student Union is where students can go if they are having trouble finding on-campus jobs.

So, when students' funds have depleted, they have NSU and Natchitoches as resources for more money.

-Taylor Graves

Nontradition

the road less traveled

What is a nontraditional student? NSU defines a non-traditional student as an individual between the ages of 24-70. Traditional students (18-23) may confuse them with the professor on the first day of class.

However, a non-traditional student is not simply the 50-year-old going back for his degree. Just as traditional students have their own path, non-traditional students take a path both separate from the typical college experience and different from their peers.

This also holds true for married students and students with children. Those students also face a set of challenges unlike their single and dating counterparts and are non-traditional in their own way.

How does a student become non-traditional, anyway? The answers are as varied as the students themselves.

"I fell in love," Stephanie Shultz, graduate student in the English program, said.

Married for two years, she is a traditional student by the university's standards, yet her daily life bears little resemblance to the typical college attendee.

"I don't go out much. It takes more planning since I have to ask my husband about some things," she said. "I think dating students have it easier since they don't have to coordinate as much with their boyfriends or girlfriends."

It is also easy to feel out of touch with traditional students in social settings.

"I don't fit in with other people my age," Schultz said.

Chris Callahan, another graduate English student, agreed.

"When you are five to 15 years older than your classmates, it feels awkward socially, even if the other students don't feel that way."

For some non-traditional students, school is about proving that anyone can make it with a lot of dedication.

"I dropped out of high school and joined the Army. I got my GED and eventually made medical retirement," Ryan Keeton, journalism and political science major, said.

"I realized that I wanted to be well educated. I wanted to be a high school dropout with two degrees," he said.

When so much of a person's life is established prior to entering school, it can be difficult to balance home life with work and school.

"A big disadvantage is that I don't get much time for myself. I love to write and sing in a band, but I can't devote a lot of time to them," Keeton said.

For others, a change of pace is needed.

"My wife encouraged me to go back to school, and I was tired of my career. I wanted something different," Callahan said.

Being a non-traditional student may be hard for some, but it's not all bad.

"There is more maturity there. Having a wife and kids helps me prioritize better," Keeton said.

"Being older, I have a different perspective. I think I am more serious about my studies than most traditional students," Callahan said.

- Erick Chelette



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(Opposite Page) Meredith Founds, senior HMT major picks up her daughter, Blaire, from daycare everyday after class. Founds works at the Recruiting Office

(Left) Married students encounter different problems during their collegiate careers

(Below) Melody Corson, English graduate student, reads in her car while waiting for her next class to begin



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(Top) The new salad bar in Iberville provides students with a nutritional option during meal times. The bar provides an array of different vegetables and dressings.

(Above) Cheesecake is provided at Vic's to give students a break from healthy eating.

(Right) Nutrition facts are posted at Vic's so students can view the calories they are about to consume.

155 Quarter Pound Burger				Vegetarian Sandwich			
Contains eggs, wheat, soy beans				Contains milk, wheat, soy beans			
Serving	1 Sandwich	Serving	1 Sandwich	Serving	1 Sandwich	Serving	1 Sandwich
Calories	500	Calories	1120mg	Calories	340	Calories	930
Total Fat	26g (48% Cal)	Total Fat	46g	Total Fat	12g (32% Cal)	Total Fat	65g
Saturated Fat	6g	Saturated Fat	3g	Saturated Fat	3g	Saturated Fat	29g
Trans Fat	0g	Trans Fat	7g	Trans Fat	0g	Trans Fat	2g
Cholesterol	50mg	Cholesterol	20g	Cholesterol	0mg	Cholesterol	79
Protein	20g	Protein	20g	Protein	0mg	Protein	79
Grilled Chicken Breast				Grilled Cheese Sandwich			
Contains eggs, wheat, soy beans				Contains milk, wheat, soy beans			
Serving	1 Breast	Serving	1 Sandwich	Serving	1 Sandwich	Serving	1 Sandwich
Calories	170	Calories	70mg	Calories	280	Calories	650
Total Fat	5g (28% Cal)	Total Fat	2g	Total Fat	14g (48% Cal)	Total Fat	29g
Saturated Fat	1g	Saturated Fat	0g	Saturated Fat	4.5g	Saturated Fat	2g
Trans Fat	0g	Trans Fat	2g	Trans Fat	0g	Trans Fat	2g
Cholesterol	70mg	Cholesterol	26g	Cholesterol	15mg	Cholesterol	79
Protein	26g	Protein	26g	Protein	15mg	Protein	79
Philly-Style Cheese Steak with Peppers				French Fries			
Contains eggs, wheat, soy beans				Contains soy beans			
Serving	1 Sandwich	Serving	4 oz	Serving	4 oz	Serving	4 oz
Calories	500	Calories	180	Calories	180	Calories	180
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Saturated Fat	6g	Saturated Fat	3g	Saturated Fat	3g	Saturated Fat	3g
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Cholesterol	50mg	Cholesterol	20g	Cholesterol	0mg	Cholesterol	0mg
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photo by Kara Sims



(Left) In order to live until she's 60, Meogon Morace, freshman nutrition major, watches what she eats. "If you take care of your body and eat healthy, not only will you see the advantages now, but you will also reap the benefits in your golden years," she said.

(Right) The NSU lunch menu has undergone many changes through the years. Now students can enjoy a variety of food choices including hamburgers, pasta and smoothies.

Freshman 15 no longer an uphill battle

On the hunt for cheap food, college students tend to overlook nutrition. With Sodexo's nutritional cuisine and campus nutrition classes, students no longer need to fear the infamous freshman 15.

"Campus food has improved very much since I went to school," Jan Frederick, NSU alumna, said. "The food was too high in fat, carbohydrates and sodium."

While attending NSU, she did her best not to eat in the cafeteria. She believed the food wasn't healthy because the cafeteria only offered fried food that was full of starch. There wasn't a salad bar.

While Frederick attended NSU, she did not have Iberville Dining Hall or Vic's that students now enjoy. Both, located in the heart of the campus, are easily accessible to all students coming and going from classes.

In 2007, NSU signed a new food company, Sodexo, which serves 1000 universities across the nation and takes nutrition seriously.

Susan Smith, Sodexo chef, creates the menus students eat in Iberville. Although she receives menus from the Sodexo Food Management System (FMS), she adjusts the menus to what she believes will be the most enjoyable to students, and she always keeps nutrition in mind.

Sodexo makes sure Iberville has plenty of nourishing and tasty choices through their grill, deli,

soup and salad, My Kitchen, Classics and pizza stations. Sodexo provides the nutrition with the grill, deli, and soup and salad stations. My Kitchen serves specials like pasta and oriental cuisine, while Classics gives students the choice of chicken and beef.

"When students ask for healthy vegetables or something, we add that to the menu. We listen to feedback," Zena Maggitti, director of operations, said.

Along with serving nutritional foods on campus, NSU believes in teaching the students about nutrition in their daily lives. Every student must take at least one nutrition class before graduating.

Maegan Morace's classes have given her a whole new outlook on food. As a freshman nutrition major, she is learning how to read the labels on packages. Her teacher knows students usually do not eat healthily, but believes the key is for students to be able to read labels correctly.

After taking her nutrition classes, Morace has learned how to cook healthy foods and she also has started to work out. Although she is learning about nutritional values in her classes, Morace still has a sweet tooth.

"No one can eat 100 percent healthy all the time. Everyone has their downfalls; if not Coke, sweets," she said.

- Taylor Graves

Remember sitting in front of the TV and singing along to all of those memorable theme songs from shows like "The Brady Bunch," "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," "The Animaniacs" and "Captain Planet"?

"Captain Planet"—now that's a theme song and a show worth remembering. Each week Captain Planet and the Planeteers stopped the eco-villains from polluting the earth so it would remain a safe and healthy place for people to live.

In reality, there are no super heroes with magical rings saving the planet, but "going green" doesn't take super-human powers or even drastic lifestyle changes. The term simply encourages people to be more resourceful and more conscious about how their decisions affect the environment. Although the effects of the environmental movement affect the nation, efforts can start individually.

Joshua Coen, freshman theater-directing major, has always been environmentally conscious. He and his parents would clean highways and sides of streets on the weekends while he lived at home. Coen held on to those principles when he came to college.

"I use a lot of biodegradable products," Coen said. "I also recycle, ride my bike everywhere and bring my own bags to the grocery store."

Cain-Oscar Bergeron, junior music performance and education major, also rides his bike and recycles. Unlike most college students, Bergeron doesn't buy disposable plates. He instead re-washes glass dishes because some disposable products won't break down in the environment. He also buys organic foods and unplugs everything except the air conditioner when he leaves home.

Bergeron said he has always hated to waste, but he started making real changes when he heard about the environment deteriorating.

"Everything we do affects our environment," he said.

Brian Foster, senior theater major, said he never thought about saving anything until he came to college. Foster and his roommate have now given their entire living room to recycling. They have separate boxes for glass, cardboard and plastics, which they drop at a recycling center in Shreveport or Alexandria.

"We don't go out of our way . . . then it becomes an oxymoron," Foster said.

Being environmentally conscious since childhood, Jessi Garrison, sophomore theater major, drives a hybrid because she knows how important it is to protect the environment.

Her concerns about global warming opened her eyes to many issues.

"Global warming is big, and it worries me," she said. "I want to do as much as I can to make sure Earth is around as long as possible."

Foster said it is challenging to always remember to save or recycle, but he tries not to look at the down side.

"It's just one more thing you have to do," he said.

"Financially it can be more expensive, and it's not always convenient," Garrison said. "But I absolutely think the setbacks are worth it."

Students aren't the only ones becoming environmentally conscious.

NSU teamed with the City of Natchitoches to bring recycling closer by participating in a "Keep America Beautiful" competition. NSU also sponsored a service day during homecoming week themed "Go Purple, Go White, Go Green."

Bergeron said it was important for NSU to participate in environmental efforts.

"It goes against our whole purpose of creating people who are going to better the world when we're half the people creating the problem," Bergeron said.

-Trecey Rew

Green

the new black



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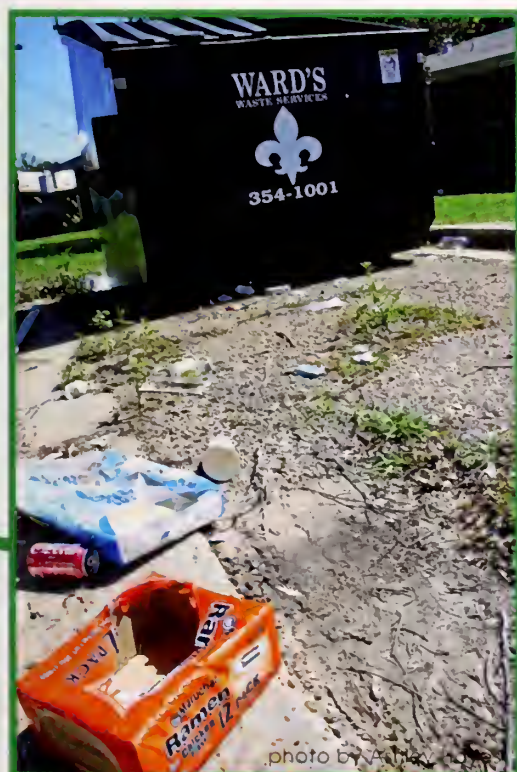


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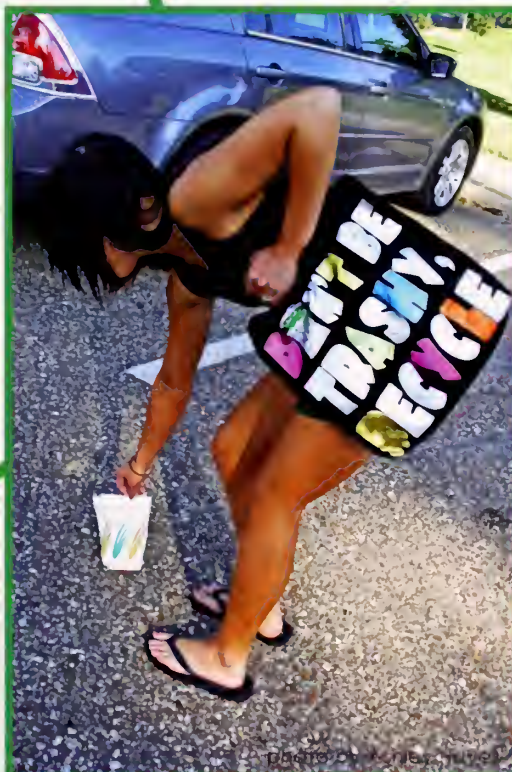
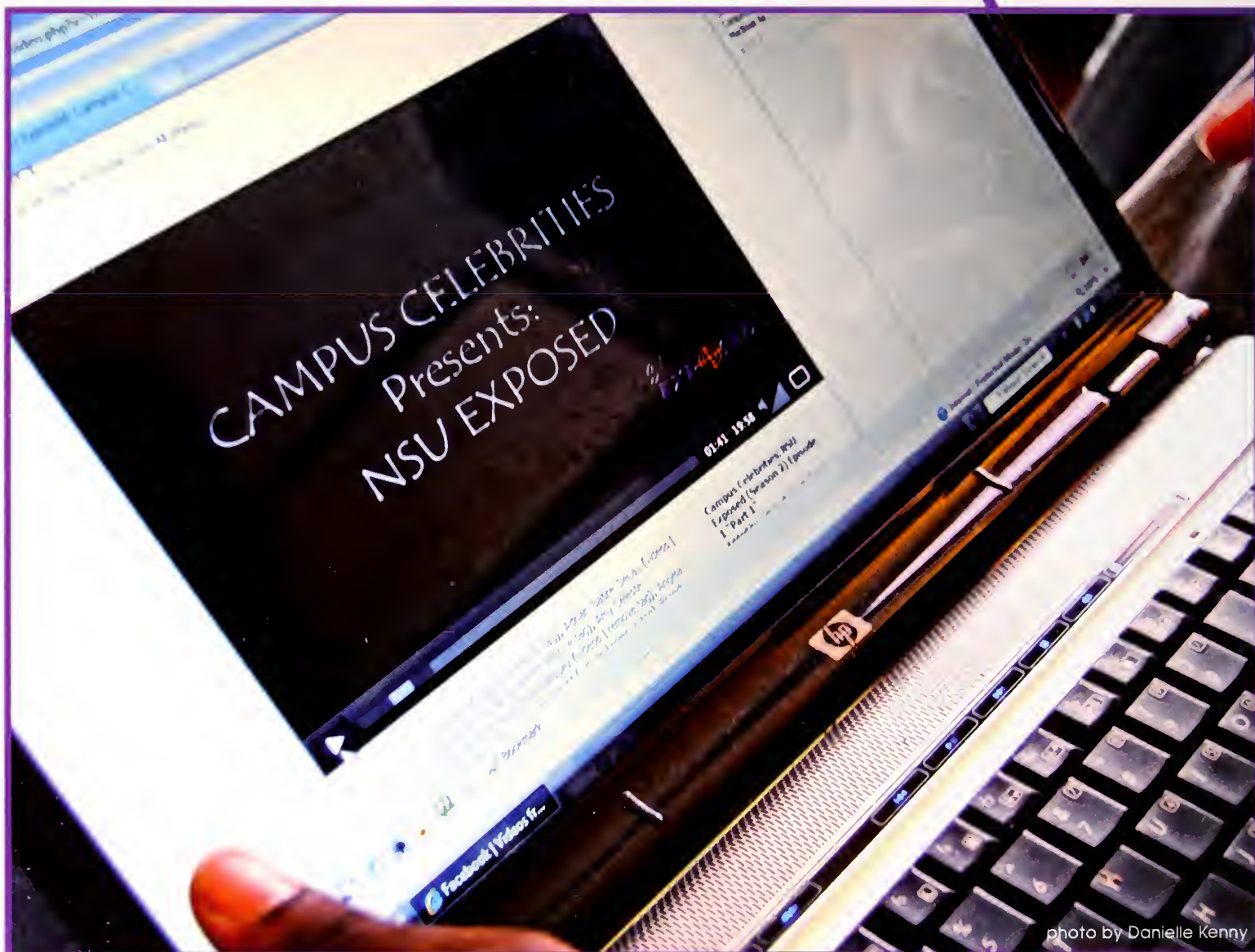


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(Above) Paper or plastic no longer burdens the students' minds because of the new reusable cotton grocery bags. These environmentally safe bags enable students to stay eco-friendly while they shop.

(Left) Trash lies on the ground near a dumpster on campus and negatively affects the environment. Much of the materials that the products are made of could be recycled.

(Right) Corlee McCord, sophomore criminal justice major, picks a Styrofoam cup off the ground. The cup is not biodegradable and if not picked up would continue to litter the streets. The bag on her arm is a trendy reminder about recycling.



(Top Left) A stack of NSU Exposed tapes sits on a windowsill. The tapes have been uploaded to the internet and can now be viewed on Facebook.

(Top Right) Paislee Edgerson, junior education major, films Rickey Henry, senior graphic communications major, and Tyran Casey, senior CIS major. Henry and Casey host NSU Exposed.

(Above) Tyran Casey, senior CIS major, views the opening credits of NSU Exposed. The NSU Exposed Facebook group currently has over 2,000 members, and the Facebook page has over 1,600 fans.

(Opposite Page) Tyran Casey, senior CIS major, edits NSU Exposed footage while Rickey Henry, senior graphic communications major, rehearses. The show also includes coverage of NSU intramural sports.



photo by Danielle Kenny

Behind the Scenes

truth through a camera

Forget about "Flava of Love" and "I Love New York."

It is all about reality shows NSU style. Spring 2008, three students gave NSU some exposure—some good and some bad, but it was all real, Tyran "Da Icon" Cosey, co-creator, host and editor of "NSU Exposed" said.

If the show's crew was at an event, anybody was subject to be on their next episode, looking their best or their worst.

"NSU Exposed" is an Internet show recapping events on campus and around Natchitoches. The show's creators started by imitating SportsCenter, but it was their recap of Sigma Gamma Rho week that grabbed viewers' attention and led to two seasons of the show.

"It's something fresh and new," Darrell Wafer, junior criminal justice major, said. "It's never been seen on campus."

"The Bust of the Week" and "Shot Downs," where gunshots equal worst trends, were the two segments that people seemed the most entertained by, Cosey said.

"I watch because I want to see who's going to be next to get shot down," Wafer said. "If it's someone I know, I'm going to rag on them."

The hosts tried to keep the show balanced with good and bad exposure, but people seemed more entertained by the bad exposure, Cosey said.

"We tell it how it is, we don't sugar coat," Cosey said. "Anyone can get it—even our friends. People run from us now because they know who we are."

New crew members were needed to shoot some of the footage. People were so busy watching Cosey, they didn't realize they were being shot down by someone else, he said.

The show included discussions about the issues and events covered by the hosts: Cosey, Rickey "Mr. Fontaine" Henry and new hosts Corey "Chucky" Ragas, who replaced original host Kamal "Kold Blooded" Dorsey when he graduated.

The show was created to entertain students and revive what some call a dead campus. People all around tune into "NSU Exposed," Cosey said.

"People like our show," he said.

The crew had offers to shoot shows on different campuses, but they decided to focus on NSU.

Not everybody is a fan of the show, but it keeps people entertained so it's going to keep airing, Cosey said.

The show airs Sundays on Facebook since YouTube is not equipped to hold videos longer than 10 minutes, Cosey said.

- Trecey Rew

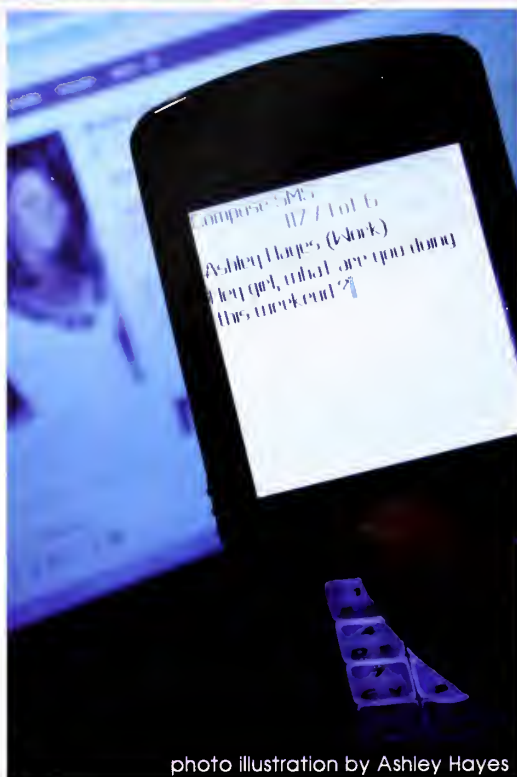


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Information

Networks

NSULA

Relationship Status

It's Complicated.

Birthday

August, 1884

Friends

Of 200 students surveyed

82 students text message

- 22 send 0-100 a month
- 33 send 100-500 a month
- 32 send 500-1000 a month
- 51 send 1000-3000 a month
- 43 send more than 3000 a month
- 1 unsure

153 students have Myspace

- 20 check it once a month
- 26 check it once a week
- 25 check it every other day
- 39 check it daily
- 42 check it more than once daily
- 1 never checks it

Gifts

NSU is embracing technology- 43 minutes ago clear

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Keeping in Touch

just a click away

Quicker, faster and better seems to be the motto for the current generation.

With this mentality, grows the development of fast food, quicker cars and newer forms of communication. Outlets such as Facebook, text messaging and MySpace become more prominent in students' lives.

According to a 200 student survey, out of the 186 students who have a Facebook account, 147 students check it at least once a day, and more than half of them check it multiple times a day.

Natalie Johnson, sophomore music education major, accesses Facebook daily.

"I have an order: Facebook, e-mail, myNSU," she said.

Savanna Martin, senior psychology major, uses Facebook and e-mail as communication outlets to contact members of the Baptist Student Ministries and communicate with her out of state friends.

"It's my job to get information out to everyone about what is going on. (Facebook) is a great tool to spread the word," Martin said. "Mostly everyone has Facebook, and it's much easier to create an event and invite people than to have to sit down and call everyone."

The idea of multitasking has integrated into communication tools

with the development of text messaging.

"Sometimes I can't talk or I might be talking to someone else, and if I text I can talk to both," Matt May, senior HMT major said.

Public diaries such as MySpace and blogging have slowly begun to creep into communication standards.

Kelsey Rankin, freshman journalism major, began blogging in 2006 in order to keep friends and family informed of events in her life.

"(Blogging is) important because it's a bit impractical to see and tell my friends or family what is going on with me," Rankin said. "It's much more convenient to do it in one space and to also get things off my chest."

Technology has opened doors for communication, but some students are still wary about it.

"I think technology is a good thing and a bad thing," May said. "It is a good tool to communicate with others, but it can also break down at anytime."

While some students are still hesitant, others are excited about advances in communication due to newer technology.

"Technology brings cheaper and easier means of communication to more people," Rankin said. "Anyone can find a computer to use somewhere, and it is a lot less expensive to e-mail than to make a phone call across the country."

- Bethany Frank



Update Status



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Music/Video



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What are you doing right now?

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NSU wrote on Derek Hick's wall.



Matthew English, junior psychology major, checks Facebook at least five times a day. "With the advances in technology and the advances in communication, getting in touch with people and setting up appointments of formal or informal nature have become a lot easier to do," he said.

Wall-to-Wall - Write on NSU's Wall



NSU has school spirit like no other. 11:20am - Comment



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Brandon Gregory, senior criminal justice major, sends between 70-75 text messages and uses about 600 minutes a month. "Technology gives us more ways to communicate with people with more options," he said. "You need someone right then, you can do that."

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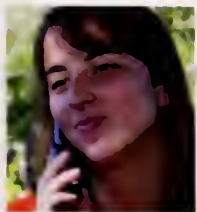


Derek Hicks, senior general studies and communication major, accesses Facebook three to four times a week and sends about 1000 text messages a month. "(Technology) is transforming the way we communicate, and at this point I don't believe that society has a complete grasp on how to go about using technology to communicate effectively," he said. "Technology, at times, can all but eliminate (the non-verbal aspect) of communication."

Wall-to-Wall - Write on NSU's Wall



NSU wrote on Lindsey Rome's wall. 12:07am - Comment



Lindsey Rome, junior health and exercise science major, uses about 100-200 minutes a month and checks Facebook 1-2 times daily. "I think (technology) affects communication in a major way because you can't go anywhere without someone being on the phone," she said. "Also, everyone knows what MySpace and Facebook are today, and it seems like everyone has one whether they're in high school, college or working."

Wall-to-Wall - Write on NSU's Wall



NSU is excited about all the incoming freshmen and is looking forward to another great year!

Life of the Party

leave the books at home

Classes can wear students down through hectic weeks filled with exams, auditions and hours of studying. Weekends offer students a reprieve to partake in activities they enjoy and catch up on last minute assignments.

Student life has changed drastically over the years. In 1909, women were required to live on campus, while men stayed with private families. There was also a time for school recess, and Saturday was a part of the school week.

As times have changed, students' lives vary little. They still attend football games, shop in town and attend Friday night movies.

With the exception of swimming in Chaplain Lake, modern-day students still find interesting things to do.

"I hang out with friends, watch a movie or play games with a group of people," Phillip Hattaway, senior health and exercise science major, said. "On the weekends we all pile into the car and go to Shreveport."

Joseph Evans, senior heritage resource major,

gathers at friends' houses on the weekends for barbecues.

Today students enjoy hanging out at several places including the Pioneer Pub, Strait Country and Greek functions.

"On Thursdays we go to the Greek parties, when they have them, and on Fridays we may go out to Martini Night to listen to poetry or some may sing or rap," Rachel Cain, junior elementary education major, said.

Although some students enjoy going out, the nightlife doesn't appeal to everyone.

"I really don't do much," Markenia Boutte, senior secondary speech education major, said. "I study and prepare for the next day. Most of the time I am working at my on-campus job."

Not everything can stand the test of time, but students still find ways to relax when avoiding the inevitable study hour.

- Octavia Bolds



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(Top) Sophomores Britney Vapont and Lauren Lemoine enjoy the music of a live jazz band at the Pioneer Pub. The Pioneer Pub restaurant is open nightly for dinner.

(Above) Reb Bel, junior business administration major, and Justin Priola, senior business administration major, dance at the Student Body. The Student Body is a local nightclub that is frequented by NSU students.

(Left) Micheal Belen, graduate music major, and Joseph Dimario, sophomore music major, spend free time preparing for their band, "Dead by Morning" and updating their MySpace page.

(Opposite Page) Lauren Maxwell, senior elementary education major, Courtney Carnahan, senior fashion merchandising major, Mitchell Loyd, senior general studies major, and Tyler Fluit, freshman business administration major, attend a Toga party, hosted by Sigma Nu.



Natchitoches Tradition Continues

light up the sky, fill the streets, prepare the way for Santa

The Christmas season began with 300,000 Christmas lights flashing in downtown Natchitoches.

The Christmas Festival, which takes place the first Saturday in December, is one of the biggest traditions in Natchitoches.

Families, tourists and students have celebrated the Christmas season with food, arts and crafts, parades, fireworks, and lights for many years past.

This year's festival kicked off with a 5K Santa Shuffle. As the day progressed, Christmas shoppers checked out the arts and crafts booths where various items, such as purses, jewelry and paintings, were sold.

The food vendors on the riverbank and downtown Front Street were a popular and important part of the festival. Food booths ranged from those set up by local restaurant owners and residents to national fair vendors.

Hungry festival-goers could sate their appetites with everything from corn dogs to the always popular meat pies. A diverse variety of food has always been a symbol of the festival.

Natchitoches resident and NSU student Jordan Mason, a freshman health and physical science major, has experienced years of the festival. His favorite part of the event has always been the turkey legs.

Students also had the opportunity to get involved in vending and raise money for their organizations.

Members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity cooked and sold red beans and rice, hamburgers and bloomin' onions for their chapter.

Along with food and shopping, the festival also

provided an abundance of entertainment.

The Junior Parade wove its way through the historic district at 10 a.m. The parade appealed to the younger festival attendees with characters like Shrek, Superman, Cinderella and The Incredibles.

The big parade, the Christmas Parade, began Saturday afternoon. Cheerleaders, dance lines and bands were all part of the procession. Parade floats carried pageant winners as well as state representatives, and of course, Miss Merry Christmas.

In addition to the parades and vendors, girls of all ages could be seen walking around the Festival wearing the multicolored-ribbon crowns.

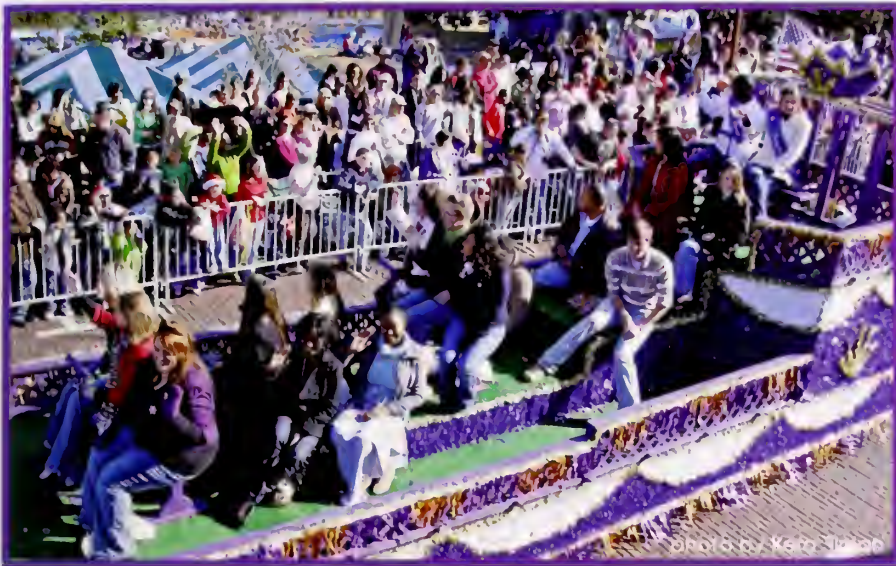
"When I was little, I remember always wanting one of those pretty head things with the ribbons falling down the back of your hair," Kali Davenport, freshman music education major, said.

The festivities ended with the light-and-fireworks show at 7 p.m. Thousands of spectators waited impatiently for the firework show to begin.

The Festival committee has added new features to the fireworks show every year. A laser show accompanied the 2008 fireworks. The entire show lasted only about 20 minutes, but people were still impressed by the colors and shapes that raced across the sky.

After a full day of festivities and fun, Natchitoches streets were clogged with people heading back to their cars for the trip home. The fun and excitement of the 2008 Christmas Festival was fresh in their minds as people started planning for the rest of their Christmas season.

-Taylor Graves



(Left Above) The SAB float rolls around during the Christmas Festival Parade. The float contained members of Student Activities Board, the Homecoming King and Queen and the Lady of the Bracelet contestants.



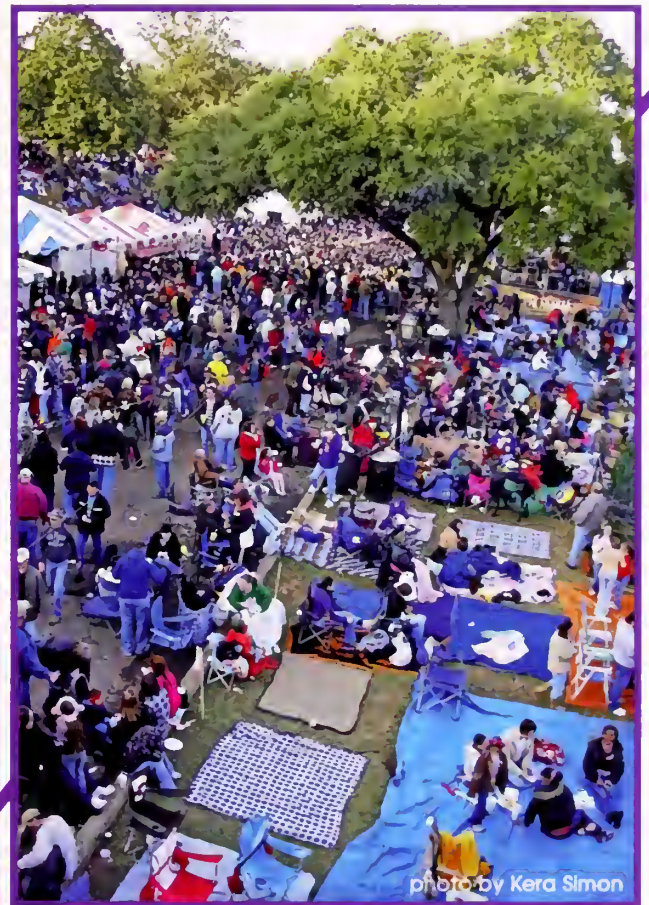
(Left Middle) The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band marches in the annual Christmas Parade. The parade participants have changed throughout the years, but the parade now includes school marching bands, cheerleaders and dance lines.



(Left Below) The lighted bridge at Front Street is just part of the lighted Christmas display. The Christmas lights, which were once an eight-foot lighted star, have escalated into more than 40 lighted set pieces.

(Right Above) The Christmas Festival is Natchitoches' largest festival. Records say at least 100,000 people join in the festivities.

(Right Below) The Festival Committee adds to the annual firework display each year since the festival's beginning in the late 1930s.





It's Complicated...

College is the place to find yourself, to define who you want to be. But for some, college is the opportunity to find the person you can be yourself with.

College romance is not just the flirtatious looks across the classroom or bar. It is finding that person who makes you strong when others look down on your relationship. It is the man who taps your knee three times to remind you he loves you when society makes him scared to voice it. It is the proposal that will end in your happily ever after. It is the balancing act required to pursue both romance and an education.

the initial search

Some spend their entire collegiate career finding that one type of person they want to be with, but always get turned in the wrong direction.

After dating a few girls who didn't work out as planned, Colby Bizette, senior social work major, has yet to give up on romance.

"I was hurt for a while and now it's hard to trust," Colby said. "I'm still looking. Might not be a top priority, but I'll still be looking."

Now dating Elizabeth Armond for eight months, Justin Aymond, junior criminal justice major, spent the first year and a half dating around.

"Everyone comes to college, you have a feeling of freedom and sometimes you step outside your boundaries and you think maybe I shouldn't have been so wild and crazy," he said. "That's just part of coming to college."

Justin explained sometimes it is hard to find someone to start a serious relationship with once dating around gets tiresome.

"Once you start dating around...then before you know it, you've pegged yourself into a hole so it's harder when you're ready for more," he said. "You're bound to get hurt a lot."

While some students explore relationships, others choose to concentrate on their education.

David Steele, senior clarinet performance major, is not in a relationship because he is planning on transferring to a graduate school in New Mexico at the end of the semester. But while he is not actively pursuing a relationship, he is open to relationships even though they are sometimes scary.

"I have learned that the 'just have fun' type of relations end up hurting people, unless you find the rare

few who don't involve emotions," he said. "But, considering the two possible outcomes, I would take my chances at finding that 'special someone.'"

'Special someone' is an intangible term that varies for each student. While David desires someone with success, other students, like Niki Pierce, bassoon performance major, look for comfort.

"(I want) someone I can confide all my dreams and secrets and know they'll be safe," Niki said. "Someone I can be myself around and not feel weird, someone who can be my best friend and boyfriend at the same time, someone that would be fine with just laying around watching movies and chilling and not mind how I look in my comfy clothes."

love at first sight

Once in a while, even in their 'comfy clothes,' some get swept off their feet and find love at first sight.

Amber Carter, junior housing and interior major, and Edward T. Smith, sophomore psychology major, have dated since they met in Varnado Ballroom a year and a half ago.

"He swept me off my feet, literally," Amber said. "He grabbed me by my hand and said, 'Don't be afraid.' We started dating that night."

In addition to balancing a relationship, work, school and organizations, the couple must also face society's disapproval toward their interracial relationship.

"When I walk by colored girls, they say that 'white women' are stealing all the men," Edward said.

Amber continued to explain the dirty looks she gets from girls, but is positive the couple will push past the adversity.

"I didn't expect to meet Ed, and he kind of walked into my life and from that point on, I couldn't imagine my life without him," she said. "Knowing someone loves you as much as you love them is the best feeling in the world."

boy meets boy

But some students find society's expectations to be more grueling and struggle to walk down Front Street hand in hand with the man they love.

"Homosexuality is not talked about in the South and not as supported," Ryan Hazelbaker, senior music theater and directing major, said.

He recalled an incident where he was walking down Front Street hand in hand with a boyfriend when a



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school bus drove by. The children threw pencils and called them "fogs."

"It's strange I can't hold Josiah's hand. If I were with a girl, no one would care," Ryon said.

It wasn't until Christmas break in New York City that Ryon and his boyfriend of a year and half, Josiah Kennedy, musical theater major, were able to walk down the street holding hands.

"People go there to find love, and I wanted to go with my love," Ryon said.

The couple celebrated New Year's Eve in front of H&M, three blocks away from Times Square. At midnight in the midst of everyone yelling, they counted down, threw confetti and kissed as all the confetti from all the buildings fell around them.

"It was the right place, right time, with the person that I loved in the city of my dreams," Josiah said.

While marriage currently "scares the shit out of him," Josiah knows that in his lifetime it will be accepted. For now though, the couple must find out if their relationship is strong enough to last long distance.

"(Even) as a 21 year old, you really can find love at any age," Ryon said. "He added some reality to my life, and I like to think I add some fantasy to his. Even if we don't last forever, love has brought us this far."

so close, but yet so far away

While Josiah and Ryon work to see if their love will last, other students spend the semester counting down the days until they can hold their girlfriend's hand and feel her kiss.

Brandon Legnion, senior music education major, has dated Honno Bowden, sophomore physical therapy major at Northwest Mississippi Community College, since they marched in the same drum corp, the Troopers, this summer.

"There's not a single day where we haven't at least talked on the phone," Brandon said. "The only difference (in our relationship) is we don't live in the same city as everyone else."

Brandon remarked although the time apart helped their friendship grow and helped them appreciate their time together more, long-distance relationships aren't for everyone.

"Trust between the two parties and communication (are most important)," he said. "We have those so distance isn't an issue."

Brandon said the relationship takes sacrifice, but it is worth it. He explained that they could live in two different states and not be dating, but "why have two negatives?"

"(Our relationship is) just as real," he said. "We just don't live in the same state, and it works because we're best friends."

call off the search

Many couples on campus choose to date their best friends, and, sometimes, they even take the next step and prepare for marriage.

Charlie Potts, senior nursing major, proposed to Katie Stockton, sophomore vocal music education major, after the last night of the Christmas GALA in December. To propose, Charlie gave Katie a photo album filled with couple photos they had recently taken and put the ring in the last sleeve of the book.

"When I first saw (my ring), I never thought it would be something I'd like, but Charlie insisted I try it on, and I fell in love with it," Katie said. "Because it's the ring I wanted from the beginning, and it's the ring that Charlie discovered, (it is) even more special."

The couple met at Katie's Freshman Connection when Charlie was her Freshman Connector. Since then, the couple has been best friends, but it wasn't until last spring break when Charlie decided he needed to "suck it up and ask this girl to date me."

"She saw me for who I was," Charlie said. "She didn't see my morals as a problem."

Despite their participation in related organizations, the couple struggled to find time together due to their separate degree programs. Katie explained how they often joke about forgetting what his face looked like.

But while balancing it all is difficult, the couple finds ways to sacrifice to make it work. Katie explained that they have to make dates and time to see each other and expressed how they couldn't center their relationship on text messaging.

The couple plans to have a traditional Catholic ceremony on April 2, 2011.

"I'm in love with the whole idea of doing all the major things in our life as us," Katie said. "(To) share a life with someone."

-Bethany Frank

The fight for racial equality is nothing new. However, students have become racially colorblind since desegregation was first introduced.

"We have some generational changes going on in this country," Ray Strother, endowed chair of journalism, said. "The young generation doesn't have the same feeling about gays or about integration or about blacks or even about foreigners. They're more accepting and more tolerant."

Strother, who began as a student at the university in August 1958, attended the school at a time when racism was extremely prevalent in the South, and integration had not yet been introduced into the educational system.

"There would've been violence, rioting and discontent," Strother said. "Not by the majority, but by enough people that would've made it difficult for the administration."

As the integration movement swept throughout Louisiana, NSU students didn't welcome the idea. A "Current Sauce" article published Oct. 17, 1963, expressed the staff's concern regarding the issue. It stated that although the paper would continue to provide the facts, it would not promote integration in any way.

"We are not ashamed of what we believe in and what we stand for and we don't care who knows it," the article read.

The university took its first steps toward an integrated campus in 1965 after being issued a court order by a judge from Baton Rouge, according to a Feb. 4 "Natchitoches Times" article. It wrote the school allowed six black undergraduate students and one black graduate student to enroll after a suit was filed by the seven plaintiffs attempting to enroll.

Despite the opposition of desegregation on campus, the students didn't have the anticipated reaction that Strother mentioned. "The Current Sauce" ran an article on Feb. 12, 1965, congratulating the students on their good behavior. The article, which referred to the recent integration as a "crisis," reminded students that the crisis was far from over, and could not be resolved by any method of force.

The idea of an integrated campus became more accepted as the years passed. Stan Chadick, retired mathematics professor, began his teaching career at the university in 1969.

"There was not much interaction (among the black and white students) back then," Chadick said. "You have to remember we had just gone through the 1960s."

Chadick further explained that even though there wasn't interaction among the students, segregation was definitely present in the classroom. In his 37 years of teaching, he saw a vast change.

"In the first few years.. I noticed how students segregated themselves within the class, (but) in the last few years I taught, I didn't see this," Chadick said.

As Chadick explained, this sort of segregation is hardly seen on campus today. Many students do not find racism to even be much of an issue. Matt May, senior HMT major, said there isn't much segregation between the students.

"The only place I can think of with any kind of segregation is in the (Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center) at the basketball courts," May said. "During the afternoon it seems like the gym is split in two."

Some students found that this year's election brought with it a great deal of racism and segregation. With the victory of Barack Obama, the first black man to become president, students of all races and ethnicity shared their differences in opinions.

"Nov. 4 and 5 definitely brought about a lot of racial issues," Justin Daniels, junior music education major, said, "but outside of that it really hasn't been bad."

As for the day-to-day interactions between the students, racial issues are rarely a factor.

"I feel that people will hang out with whoever they feel like, whether they are black, white (or) Asian," May said. "(But) I think segregation will always be around no matter what is done."

- Sarah Cramer



colorblind campus

things change



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Pencils Down, Bottoms Up

college after hours

It's college. You're on your own, making your own rules, living your own life, making the most of every moment.

We've all done some things we wouldn't dare tell our parents and even some things we hate to admit to ourselves, but sometimes you find out things you didn't even know about yourself—usually on Monday morning.

The past weekend might have been one you will never forget or one you can barely remember. You had a few drinks, danced with your friends, maybe danced on the bar, definitely had a few more drinks and then the rest of the night is a blur. All you know is what you've heard.

"I've told stories about people I didn't know," Renae Brown, junior biology major said. "I'm usually not with people who are making fools of themselves."

According to the Center of Science in the Public Interest, 44 percent of students attending 4-year colleges drink alcohol at the binge level or greater.

On average people have their first drink at the age of 11 for boys and 13 for girls. By age 14, 41 percent of children have had their first drink according to Focus Adolescent Services.

Russ Couch, senior music education major, was 14 when he had his first drink. Encouraged to drink by his older brother and sister during a Memorial Day celebration, this was also his first time getting drunk.

After that, Couch said he didn't do much drinking before he turned 21.

"It's not really worth it—drinking at 18, 19, 20," Couch said. "It seemed great then, but by 21 it lost its luster; especially here in Natchitoches, it's really easy for anybody to get alcohol."

On average, students were not ID'd at any of the locations they bought alcohol, according to a random Potpourri survey of 120 people.

The number of underage drinkers is steadily increasing. Teens who drink usually have seen family members drinking or are influenced by magazine or television ads. Other factors include peer pressure, gaining popularity, or appearing more mature, according to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Alcohol can change a person's behavior and mannerisms. Couch, who described himself as shy, especially when it comes to the opposite sex, said that alcohol makes him more sociable.

"When I drink, I love everybody," Couch said. "I was at a fraternity party once and I was talking to two or three girls—something I would never do without alcohol."

Drinking can be a way to fit in or to feel more comfortable in an uncomfortable situation. Some think drinking boosts their self-confidence, while others find drinking brings out the worst in them.

"You might have more fun if you do drink, but it's not necessary," Brown said.

While drinking might not be necessary to have fun, it might be necessary just to get through another day. For three months straight, Couch drank three to five beers each night.

"When I felt like there was no other option, I drank—a lot," Couch said.

Couch fell into his drinking pattern while staying in Florida. He used alcohol as a way to cope with his problems. He was dealing with a hard split from his fiancé while trying to pursue job possibilities. With no real friends or family around, alcohol seemed to be his only option.

In August, Couch had a breakthrough and decided to find other outlets.

"I was afraid of escalation . . . my dad was an alcoholic," Couch said.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, people who start drinking before the age of 15 are 50 percent more likely to become alcohol dependent as adults.

Couch has limited his drinking and says he has "really good" self-control.

"First things first, I'm here for my education. The fun comes after that," he said. "I work hard and I play equally as hard."

Brown also drinks in moderation so it doesn't affect her schoolwork.

"There is no way I could do what I needed to do if I drank that much," Brown said.

There are many drawbacks and concerns that come with drinking, especially irresponsible drinking. That's why some students choose to leave alcohol alone all together.

"It's just not for me," Jericus Anderson, junior business administration major, said.

Anderson said he doesn't drink because he has seen what effect it can have on people, and he would rather watch everybody else embarrass themselves.

Students who experience problems with alcohol may receive counseling through the NSU Counseling Services located in the Friedman Student Union.

-Trecey Rew

How often is your ID checked?*

	Liquor Store #1	Liquor Store #2	Liquor Store #3	Gas Station	Grocery Store
Always	7.5%	15%	11.6%	19.2%	36.7%
Sometimes	12.5%	14.2%	20.8%	20%	8.3%
Never	12.5%	15%	13.3%	5.8%	1.7%

How much money do you spend in one weekend on alcohol?*

\$0	33.3%
> \$20	45%
\$20-\$30	9.2%
\$30-\$40	0%
\$40-\$50	2.5%
< \$50	3.3%

*Information based on a random, non-scientific Potpourri survey conducted in February around campus

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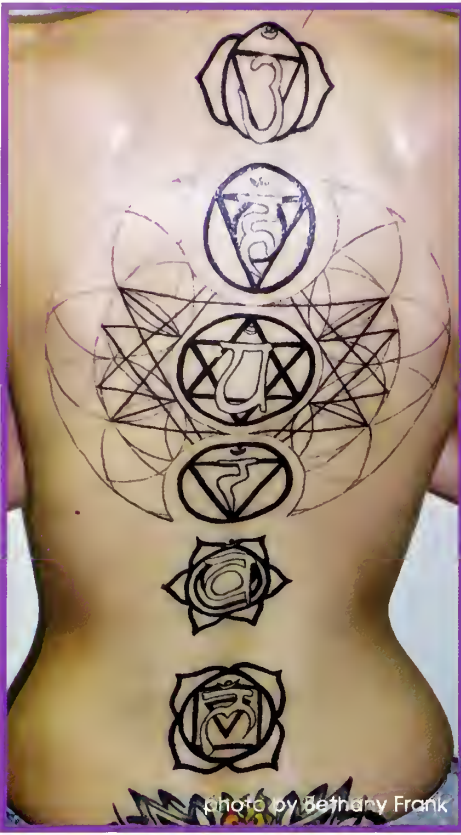


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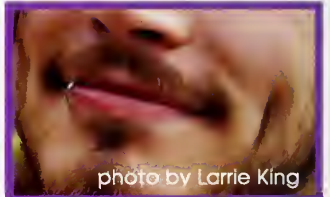


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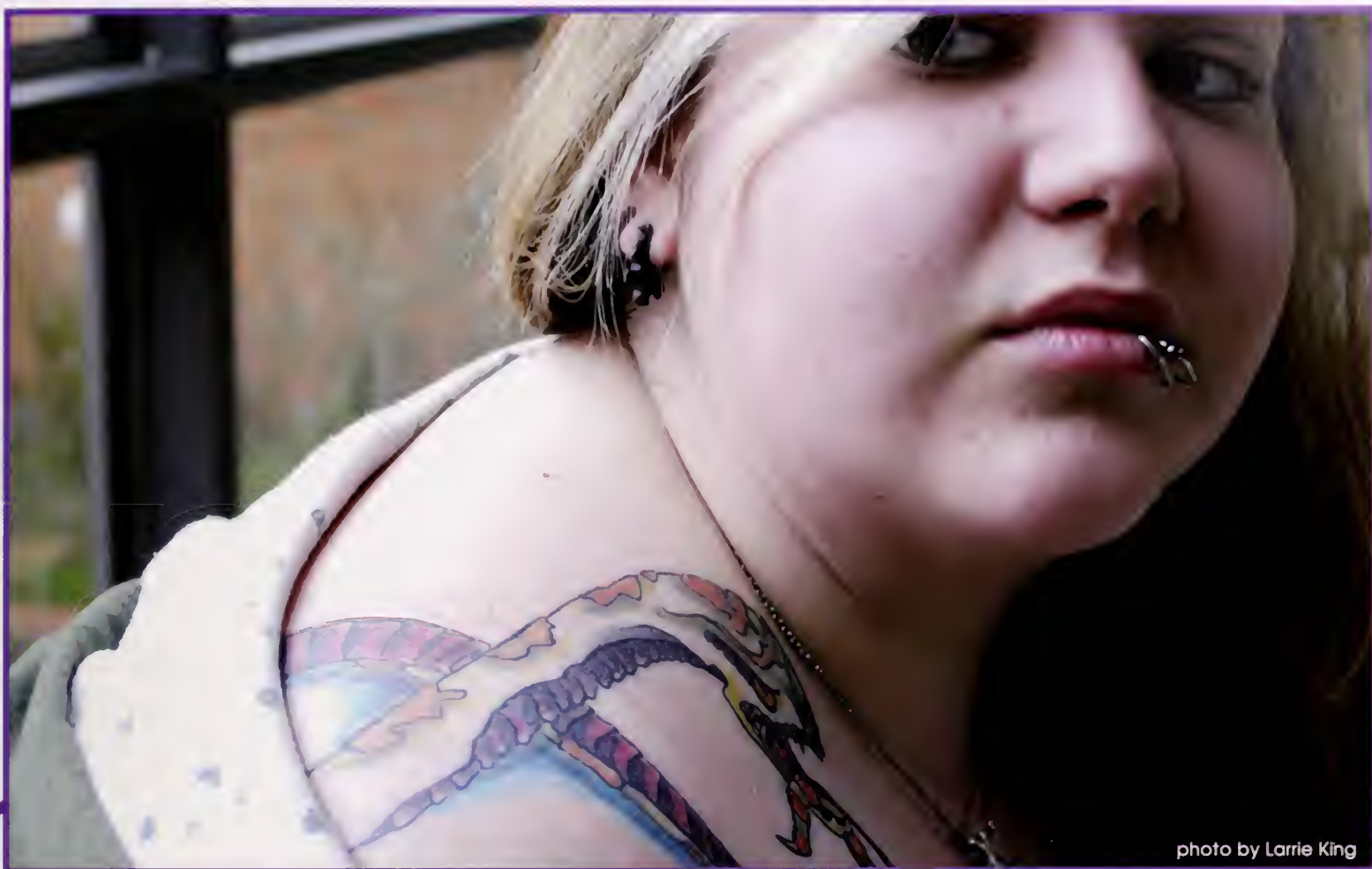


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Silent Expression

marking a memory

When some think of body art, words like social deviant, weirdo or rebel may come to mind.

However, students have decided to get piercings and tattoos for different reasons than some may think.

"I don't want my tattoo to make people think that I'm joining the trend of social deviants, but I simply wanted it because I am proud of where I'm from," Moureen Mizener, junior vocal performance major, said.

She has one tattoo located around her right ankle. It is an image of a Claddagh, which is a major symbol in her Irish heritage. She also has seven piercings, with three in each ear and one lip ring.

Mizener said some people look at her lip ring and see a rebel, but that was not her intention.

"I will eventually take it out and the hole will close and that part of my life will be over, but for now I like having it," Mizener said. "It's not because I want to stick it to the moon, it's because I wanted it, plain and simple."

Students have also gotten body art for religious expression.

Susannah Bellon, junior business administration major, has a tattoo on her right foot that is the Greek word for love.

"It is a daily reminder for me to run the race for Christ and to not let other things get in the way," Bellon said.

Bellon said her tattoos are a personal expression.

"I really don't care if other people see them. They are there for me," she said.

Students have also decided to get tattoos as a way to honor lost loved ones. Bellon also has a tattoo of a tree stump with her father's initials and the day he passed away, on her left shoulder.

Mizener said she is planning her second tattoo in honor of the nine friends she has lost to suicide.

"It is going to be the first stanza of Edgar Allan Poe's poem 'Dream within a Dream,' and underneath it I'm adding, 'Rest in peace,' which will be written in French," she said. "I just want something permanent to remind me of them and help carry them with me through the years I have left."

Body art was once seen as an oddity, but these days more and more people are deciding to get tattoos and piercings.

According to an article in the Omaha World Herald, 24 percent of Americans between 18 and 50 are tattooed and about 36 percent of Americans age 18 to 29 have at least one tattoo.

Although there are a wide range of reasons people decide to get body art, there is one thing that brings them together--they are all forms of silent expression.

- Shelito Dolton



photo by Kera Simon

Beauty behind the bracelet

50 charms and counting

The Lady of the Bracelet pageant, a preliminary for the Miss Louisiana pageant, has been an NSU tradition for 50 years. The pageant included talent, evening gown, swimsuit and interview competitions.

Altogether 10 NSU students competed: Sara Mayeux, senior liberal arts major; Jordan McLamore, freshman business administration and family and consumer sciences major; Shanice Major, junior liberal arts major; Brittany Pippin, freshman psychology major; Bethany Frank, senior journalism major; Halli Hickman, sophomore theatre major; Katie Stockton, sophomore music education major; Melanie Kay, freshman HMT major; Phylcia Felix, sophomore theatre major; and Jessica Lopez, senior liberal arts major.

Mandi Ridgdell, the 2008 Lady of the Bracelet, crowned Pippin at the 2009 pageant in A. A. Fredericks auditorium. Pippin received a full scholarship, as well as the chance to represent the University at the Miss Louisiana pageant.

Pippin said she never expected to win the title of Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet.

"When they called my name, I just couldn't believe it," she said. "I still don't think it has really set in yet. It's such an honor."

At Miss Louisiana, Pippin will raise awareness of eating disorders with her platform, "Love the Skin You're In," which focuses on improving the self-esteem of women.

Lopez won both the first runner-up and talent competitions, and McLamore won second runner-up. Major was awarded the third runner-up position, and Stockton won fourth runner-up.

The Lady of the Bracelet pageant contestants met several times during the spring. They made plans for the hectic rehearsal schedule, discussed pageant rules and regulations, and practiced answering interview questions. The contestants also had a hand in preparing for - and even publicizing - the event. They made lists of

locations for posters, composed their talent introductions and folded up T-shirts to sell as promotion for the pageant and Children's Miracle Network.

The competitors practiced for months in preparation for the grueling 10-minute interviews with a group of carefully selected judges.

They ask you everything from 'What's your major?' to 'How do you feel about the bombing in Gaza?' You have to be ready," Major said.

Some contestants said they thought the swimsuit portion, which was won by Hickman, was more daunting than the interviews.

Mayeux, who contestants voted as Miss Congeniality, passed on valuable knowledge to the other girls - including special glue that keeps swimsuit bottoms from riding up.

In interviews before the pageant, many of the contestants acknowledged a separation of the physical and intellectual competitions in the pageant. While the interview portion counted for a significant amount of the girls' total scores, the contestants dedicated plenty of time to their makeup, dresses and tans.

Mayeux explained the connection by comparing the physical and intellectual aspects of the pageant to another situation.

"The synthesis between the two is that you're interviewing for a job. I might go into a job interview and give a brilliant interview, but if I'm not presenting myself well, they're not going to hear what I have to say," she said. "If I walk into an interview for Johns Hopkins medical school in pajamas, it doesn't matter if I made a 45 on the MCAT and have a 4.0 GPA and speak six languages. I'm not going to get the slot."

Mayeux said the pageant is about applying for the job of representing NSU at the Miss Louisiana pageant in a classic, respectful and professional manner.

-Kelli Fontenot



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(Above Left) Jordan McLamore, second runner up. (Above Center) Brittany Pippin, Miss 2009 Lady of the Bracelet, evening gown winner and people's choice winner. (Above Right) Jessica Lopez, first runner up and talent winner.



(Above Left) Katie Stackton, fourth runner up. (Above Center) Shanice Major, third runner up. (Above Right) Phylicia Felix, contestant number nine.



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(Above Left) Sarah Mayeux, Miss Congeniality. (Above Center) Melanie Kay, contestant number eight. (Above Right) Halli Hickman, swimsuit winner.



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Editor reflects

Fifty years ago, the Potpourri created the Lady of the Bracelet pageant and the editor in chief crowned the winner. But this year the editor in chief turned the tables and tried for the crown.

I received the opportunity to flaunt my beauty at the Lady of the Bracelet pageant. I saw firsthand the strain placed on each contestant to magnify her beauty. Some spent hours in the gym, others spent hundreds on their hair, and yet, I spent my time in the newsroom.

We spent more than 16 hours of the week of the pageant practicing how to walk, talk and essentially meet the typical beauty standards.

Beauty is not simply found in society's supermodel. The four aspects of the pageant all center on finding the beauty in the contestant.

It takes more than brains and Slimfast to have the courage to stand in front of your peers under the spotlight in a swimsuit and heels.

Some students wake up in sweats from the "going to school naked" dream, but these women didn't get the luxury of waking up. They stood up, with their asses to the jazz band, spotlights beaming, smiling at the crowd and living most students' worst nightmare while literally being judged in heels.

Women should not have to stand in front of mirrors for hours practicing how to stand or walk. They should not need to spend additional hours at the gym just to fit the typical beauty-queen standard.

But they do.

Some spend their lives trying to defy this pre-empted stereotype. They claim the scholarship program is not about strictly physical looks.

But if that were the case, then women would not feel compelled to use hairspray, duct tape and hemorrhoid ointment in ways they were never intended. Women would not spend hundreds on hair or additional hours striving to be a size zero for four or whatever the politically correct way to say it. They wouldn't alter their opinions to best fit what is "beauty pageant" appropriate.

They could stand onstage and be themselves.

It takes a strong woman to stand in the spotlight and be judged after striving to reach an ideal beauty. It takes an incredible woman to stand in front of her peers and perform knowing it is no longer about the music or the dance. It takes a phenomenal woman to stand up after realizing she did not make top five and have the strength to attend classes and check Facebook knowing that everyone plans on saying, "You did a great job. I am so proud of you."

And it takes an even better woman to stand up the next year and do it again. Some women live their whole lives to become a beauty queen, but more often than not, their dreams of receiving the ultimate crown are crushed.

But a woman does not need a crown to be beautiful, nor should she become something she isn't to receive it.

-Bethany Frank
Contestant number five



Composed of varsity athletes, the "N" Club has been functioning since spring of 1931. The main purposes of the club are to bring athletes in close touch with each other, to promote and keep all campus athletics on a higher plane, to foster the Normal spirit and to aid in all student activities pertaining to athletics at Louisiana State Normal College.



Demon football began in 1907 when Normal's first intercollegiate football game was held against Louisiana Polytechnic in Ruston. The 1912 football team was the first Normal football team to win a championship, and later the 1939 and 1966 teams celebrated undefeated seasons.



Harry "Rags" Turpin was selected as "Coach of the Year" in the Gulf States Conference in 1953. "Rags," NSU alum from 1925, was the captain of the football team and graduated with many honors.. Turpin stadium was later named in his honor.



For the first season since 1941 when intercollegiate baseball was suspended from the college athletic calendar because of the state of national emergency, Northwestern State fielded a baseball nine in college competitive circles. The 29-man team played a full schedule of 16 conference games against teams including Louisiana College, Louisiana Tech, Southwestern and Southeastern.

athletics



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Sideline heros

rendering first aid

They're on the field and on the court, in the locker room and in the huddle. They are the first to arrive and the last to leave. They wrap ankles and stabilize broken bones. They are athletic trainers.

From the stands it might just look like they carry towels and bring water. But to athletes, trainers are easers of pain and a chance to compete another day. And while caring for athletes is a full-time job, some trainers also juggle the load of being full-time students.

"The most challenging part would be trying to balance out the schoolwork with the work schedule," Megan Galloway, junior biology major said. "We are there way before and way after the athletes."

Katie Cooper, senior mathematics education major said it's satisfying seeing athletes recover from injuries and return to their sports. But sometimes trainers see athletes go down and compete for the last time.

"There are a million things going through their

minds at that time and staying calm and trying to keep them calm as their injury is evaluated is the most important thing," Cooper said.

Career-ending injuries are rare and usually trainers get to enjoy watching their sport from the sidelines and being there for their athletes.

"The opportunity to experience this side of athletics without actually being on a team is rare and I greatly appreciate the opportunity," Cooper said.

"It's fun being a trainer," Gregory Taylor, junior health and exercise sciences major said. "You have to be focused because it takes a lot of your time, but it's fun."

Galloway said she loves having the inside scoop on all of the sporting events and athletes. The hours spent in the training room allow student athletes and student trainers a chance to form friendships that stretch beyond ankle wraps and heat packs.

-Trecey Rew



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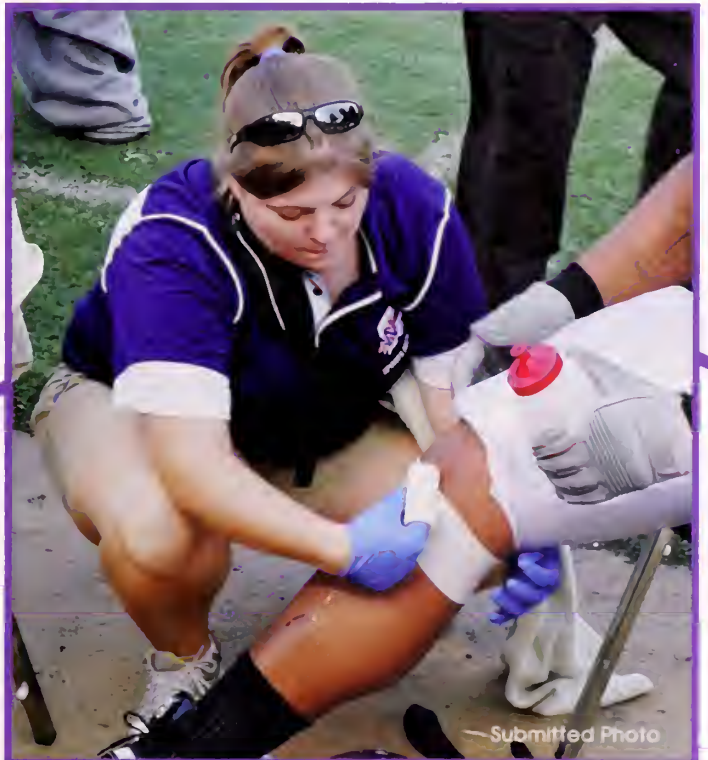
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Pack the House

finding spirit in the spiritless

Sizzling and on fire, Demons brawled it out in purple and white despite the empty, silent stands.

Ryan Holloway, assistant athletic director for marketing, tried to find ways to encourage more students to attend sporting events.

During football season, the numbers of students in attendance fluctuated depending on the opponent, the weather and time of the game.

Holloway also believed closing of dormitories on campus played a part in event attendance.

Online education might also be a cause for school spirit and on-campus enrollment to decrease.

In Spring 2004, 2649 (25.2 percent) students took online classes and 7856 (74.8 percent) students were on campus full time.

As of Spring 2008, 4046 (54.04 percent) students were taking online courses and 3439 (45.95 percent) students were on campus every day.

Over a span of four years, online learning increased by about 175 students each semester, while on-campus learning decreased around 400 students a semester.

Holloway, along with others, created the two year-old Demon Rewards Program.

"To draw students in, we do all sorts of promotions," Holloway said. "At soccer games we promote 25 cent hot dogs for students. To pack Prather Coliseum basketball games, students receive Double Demon points and a T-shirt."

The program, modeled after a similar program at Texas A&M University, proved to be successful.

Demon Rewards is a loyalty program that rewards students for attending sporting events. The objective is for students to go to all the events and set attendance records for all sports while concentrating on volleyball, tennis and cross-country track.

The program has four prize levels: Starter Level, students accumulate 10 points to receive an official Demon Rewards T-shirt; AllSouthland Level, when students reach 20 points they receive an official Demon Rewards long sleeve T-shirt; All-American Level, students attain 35 points to receive an official Demon Rewards messenger bag; and Hall of Fame Level, students collect 50 points and obtain an official Demon Rewards replica NSU football jersey.

The grand prize, a check in the amount of the cost of tuition for 15 hours (\$1,700), went to Andy Bullard, junior journalism major, for earning the most points during the Fall 2008 semester. The runner-up received a \$500 check.

"It was awesome to win Demon Rewards," Bullard said. "It was actually kind of hard going to every home event we had but also a lot of fun."

The athletic department has awarded three grand-prize checks since the start of Demon Rewards and plans to continue to grow the program.

"Demon Rewards has been exciting because it has been successful and has brought more students to athletic events," Holloway said. "If we build on the program, we could have the best student life section any school has seen."

-Tori Ladd





Spirited Fans

painting, shirtless, supportive

There are the regular attendees, the "group game goers", the "I-have-nothing-better-to-do" spectators and then there are the "faithful few".

They're the fans who support Demon athletics with every bellowing breath they take. They're the fans the athletes count on. Win or lose, at home or away, these are NSU's biggest fans.

"Prather Punks" appear at every home men's and women's basketball games, ready to dedicate an hour to screaming, clapping and verbally abusing the opposing teams in order to help NSU toward a victory.

"Mainly it's just fun," Daniel Musick, senior music education major, said. "At basketball games you can get right in their face. I like to see if I can get the other team angry."

Anyone who has been to a Lady Demon Soccer game knows who the "Number 1 Fan" is.

A.J. Swearengen has attended every home soccer game in past three years.

Early on in her career as a super fan, she joked with the team that she was going to paint herself for the next game. Her joke quickly became a tradition.

"The main reason I kept doing what I did was because I saw how much it meant to the girls," Swearengen said. "(They) are really good, and I thought (they) didn't get the recognition (they) deserved, so I kept on going."

So, here's to you painted warriors. May your team find victory and may your chants forever haunt the opponents who dare to enter dear ol' Demonland.

-Bobbie Hayes

Increasing Experiences

by raising the buck

While at fee payment, you may have seen a new fee listed but were not quite sure what it was. Just what is this "athletic fee," and where does the money go?

In short, it goes to improve the collegiate experience of student athletes.

The fee was implemented fall 2007, but the proceeds accumulated for a year before being utilized for athletic needs this fall.

"The fees allow our athletes to eat healthier meals on the road and travel by bus instead of van," Jodie Heinicka, academic coordinator, said.

The fees are also used to purchase hotel rooms, which are generally safer than motels, Heinicka said.

In addition, the fees go toward assisting student athletes with summer classes since their participation in sports often puts a strain on their ability to take heavy course loads.

Greg Burke, athletics director, broke the fee down in detail and explained its conception.

"We got the fee passed with the aid of the Student Government Association," Burke said. "The University of Louisiana System authorized the fee. Every dollar spent has to be approved."

Twenty percent of the fee was designated for facility enhancement, such as pressure washing Prather Coliseum. Thirty percent went toward student athlete welfare, such as the new training room, and the remaining 50 percent is equity, going primarily to scholarships.

Burke also mentioned some future projects.

"The NCAA is moving the 3 point line back for both men and women, and we will be adding lines for both," Burke said.

Improvements will also be made to the soccer and softball fields, the track and the basketball court, which must be repainted.

"We asked ourselves, if we don't (get the money to) do this, who will?" Burke said.

- Erick Chelette

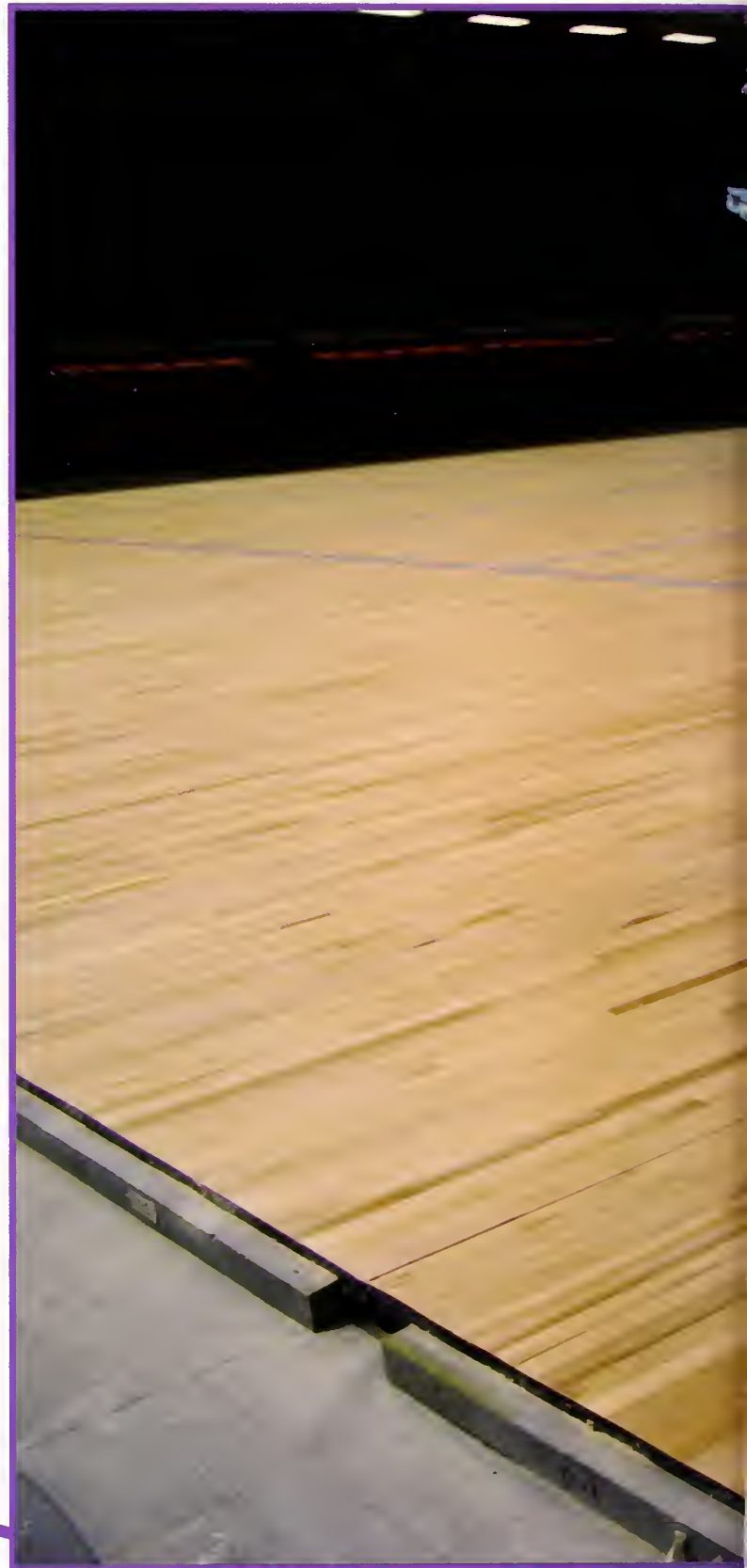




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Prather Coliseum, home of Deman and Lady Demon Basketball, receives a face-lift in order to comply with new NCAA three-point line distance requirements. The repainting was made possible by the Athletic fee put into effect in 2007.





Giving Back

to show appreciation

Being an athlete is more than knowing how to play with balls or making goals. It is about doing what you love and doing it well.

The athletic department takes passion off the courts and into the lives of the Natchitoches community.

"It is really important for us to give back to the community because the community is so supportive of NSU athletics," Jodie Hienicka, athletic academic coordinator and senior women's administrator, said.

Organized by the Student Athlete Advisory Council, athletes worked with Special Olympics, Operation Shoe Box, Letters to Soldiers, Chris Waddell Day and the NSU "Knock Out Hunger" canned food drive to total over 1,800 hours of volunteer work.

SAAC is made up of two student athlete representatives from each sport and exists in order to work with the athletic department and fellow athletes to improve the college experience of athletes and fans.

"We are trying to change the perception that athletes are all about themselves," SAAC President Cary Bruno, senior softball player, said.

The Lady Demon Basketball team donated 128 hours of service to the community while focusing on working with Natchitoches youth.

"It's important to be good role models to little girls," Natasha Isom, junior basketball player, said. "We know we can have an impact in the community."

The football team took part in the fourth annual Chris Waddell Community Outreach Day by encouraging local children to focus on their education. The team visited Kids' Korner Day Care, Fay's Day Care, L.P. Vaughn School and Kid City for Waddell Day where they read books, played games, answered questions, helped with activities and spoke of the importance of staying in school.

Chris Waddell, NSU freshman offensive lineman, died of a heart attack the day before beginning spring workouts in 2004. Scott Stoker, head coach, established the outreach day so current NSU football players could carry on Waddell's memory by encouraging local children to focus on their education.

Athletes don't leave their sweat and hard work on the courts or in the fields, but bring it all into the community. Without fans and support, athletes are just playing a game. To show their appreciation, they stepped out to help the community.

- Bobbie Hayes



Spring Sports



Racing for the Finish

Demons Youth Surprise at Southland Conference

The NSU Men and Women's Track and Field teams boasted young rosters this season.

Sixteen of the 20 men's entrants and 11 of the 14 Lady Demon competitors were sophomores or freshmen.

In spite of this youth and a season riddled with injuries, the Demons still performed above and beyond their age by obtaining some successful results at the Southland Conference Meet.

The Men's 4x400 relay team of Chad Leath, Jeremy Thomas, Jamie Emery and Mike Green shocked the Southland when they nearly won with a time of 3:10.04. Sam Houston took first place with time of 3:09.90.

"We came out of nowhere," Green, junior IET major, said. "I don't think anyone expected us to do as well as we did."

Green also placed third in the 400-meter dash at 47:59 seconds.

Senior Chad Leath also had an outstanding season for the Demons. Leath broke the NSU record in the 400-meter hurdles and claimed second place in the SLC Meet with a time of 50.85 seconds, which ranked 18th nationally for the event. Leath also went on to reach the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 110-meter hurdles with a best time of 14:23 seconds.

The Lady Demons also had several standout individual performances in the 2008 season.

"We were so young," Mike Heimermann, women's

head coach, said. "We had a lot of people competing in events that were outside of their comfort zone."

Comfort zone or not, the Lady Demons still left a mark on the Southland Conference.

Sophomores Trecey Rew and Jessica Tuck, who both qualified for the NCAA Mideast Regional Meet, were selected to the All-Louisiana Team and have been included on the national track and field coaches' Women's All-Academic Team.

Rew threw a 49-6.5 best throw in the shot put and broke the school record with a 164-6 mark in the discus. Rew stumbled in her specialty, shot put, but rallied to win her second SLC Championship in the discus.

Tuck was expected to run in the women's 4x100 relay, but suffered a torn meniscus and decided to focus on the long jump. Tuck still posted a 19-11.5 in the long jump and earned a spot at the NCAA Midwest Regional Meet.

"We have a young team, but a lot of potential," Tuck said. "Especially our throwers. They have been putting a lot of points on the boards for us."

The Lady Demon's 4x100 relay team placed third with freshman Amanda Freeman followed by sophomores Jazmen Williams, Whitney Smith and Anna Forrest with a time of 45:89 seconds.

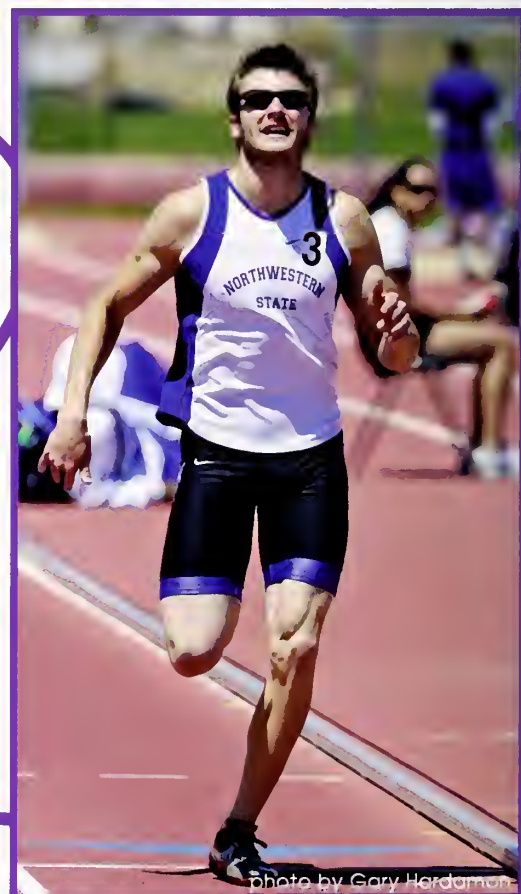
- Bobbie Hayes



(Far Right) Chris Pearson, senior distance runner, finishes out his race for the Demons.

(Top Left) Dejon Griffin, sophomore, participates in the hammer throw during an NSU meet. Griffin was part of a group of Lady Demon throwers who consistently earned top ten finishes throughout the 2008 season.

(Bottom Left) Senior Chad Leath competes at a home meet. Leath would go on to be ranked 18th nationally in the 400-meter hurdles.





Men's Track and Field

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Women's Track and Field

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(Right) Freshman Kathrin Lange valleys the ball back to an appanent. Lange, a native of Emmingen, Germany, was named to the AllSLC second team in the doubles category with teammate Bianca Schultz.



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(Above) Patrick DuBais, head caach, caunsels Adna Curavic, freshman, and Daniella Pasada, junior. This was DuBais's second season af his second stint at the wheel far the Demons.

(Right) Dragana Colic, saphamare, returns the ball. Calic was one of six newcomers to the Lady Deman tennis team.



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Taking the Southland by Storm

small numbers, BIG results

The 2008 Lady Demans proved age is just a number—when it comes to the tennis court.

The eight-player roster boasted four freshmen and no seniors to add a level of experience to the young squad.

In spite of such youth, the Lady Demans stood out among SLC opponents and earned multiple awards for their efforts.

Freshman Bianca Schultz represented NSU as the All-Louisiana Co-Freshman of the Year, according to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. She posted a near perfect 10-1 record against SLC opponents, earning her the No. 4 singles spot at the end of the conference season.

Schultz, hospitality management major, was also named to the 2008 All-SLC second team in the singles category and in the doubles category with teammate, and fellow freshman, Kathrin Lange. The pair finished the SLC regular season with a 6-2 record earning them the No. 2 ranking.

"I didn't even know about the awards," Schultz said. "I was home in Germany, and my coach called to tell me. It is still all so new to me."

Daniela Posada, junior criminal justice major, finished 10-1 in SLC play and was named to the 2008 All-SLC second team in the singles category.

"We just worked hard," Posada said. "After you start to win games, you start to feel really confident, and then you win a few more."

Freshman Adna Curovic, pre-medicine major, and Baa Patzer, junior journalism major, also earned All-SLC Women's Tennis Player of the Week honors throughout the 2008 season.

Curovic had a perfect 3-0 record both in singles and doubles play and was recognized in February.

Patzer earned the honor after being ranked No. 1 in both singles and doubles play and again on March 26 after a weekend of outstanding out-of-conference play.

After working toward the SLC title, the young team lost in the semi-final round of the SLC tournament to Lamar, a nationally ranked team and champions of the tournament. The Lady Demans fell just short of earning the program's first NCAA National Tournament bid since 1994.

"It was new for most of the team," Posada said. "Next year we should be more ready for it."

- Babbie Hayes



(Front Row) Kathrin Lange, Daniela Posada, Bogusia Patzer, WE DON'T KNOW. (Second Row) Marie Scriba. (Third Row) Adna Curokavic, Dragana Calic, Bianca Schulz

Back to Basics

pulling all the stops

NSU finished 17-12 in Conference play, garnering the fifth seed in the 2008 Academy Sports Southland Conference Baseball Tournament. This marked J.P. Davis's first season as the Demon's head coach and the program's 17th winning record in the last 18 seasons.

The Demons battled with Lamar University for the eastern division championship of the 2008 Southland Conference Season. It was not until two losses against Central Arkansas, just before the start of the SLC Tournament, that the Demon's settled into second place over Southeastern Louisiana, Central Arkansas, McNeese State and Nicholls State.

"This season was a big improvement from the year before," Pitcher Heath Hennigan, junior IET major, said. "It's still not where we want to be, but it was a step in the right direction."

Six athletes placed on All Southland Conference teams, Senior Catcher Anthony Jones, first team; Senior First Baseman Mike Jaworski, third team; Sophomore Second Baseman Chase Lyles, third team; Junior Designated Hitter Justin O'Neal, third team; Junior Pitcher Jimmy Heard, third team; and Junior Pitcher Clayton Cooper, honorable mention.

"We had a lot of key transfers come in and make some good contributions to the team," O'Neal said.

Ten seniors graduated after the 2008 season. Davis was the pitching coach for the previous seven seasons, three of which were SLC Championship Teams.

"We really got back to playing Demon baseball," Greg Burke, athletic director, said. "Coach Davis did a

really good job of ensuring that the priorities of his players were in the right place."

Davis demanded the team continue its tradition of success in the classroom throughout the season. This expectation of excellence, according to Burke, is one of the reasons the Demons will soon be back on top of the SLC.

Shortstop Denny Choate, sophomore business management major, and Outfielder Jordan Nipp, junior and biology major, were named to the 2008 Capitol One/ SLC All-Academic second team, and Jaworski, senior sports administration major, was named to the 2008 Capitol One/ SLC All-Academic First Team.

Jaworski was also named to the 2008 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American Team, earning second-team honors in the university division released by the College Sports Information Directors of America. He is the 12th Academic All-American for NSU and the fourth Demon baseball player to earn the honor. He was also the only player from Louisiana that the SLC included on all three teams.

Jaworski hit .332 and led his team with 15 home runs and 46 runs batted. With 13 stolen bases, Jaworski was just shy of becoming the Demon's first ever player with 15 home runs and 15 stolen bases in one season.

Through hard work in the classroom and determination on the playing field, the 2008 Demons put the program back on track to continue the winning tradition at NSU.

- Bobbie Hayes



(Above) The Demons celebrate as a runner crosses home plate. The Demons had their 17th winning season as a program out of the last 18 seasons.

(Right) A Demon player connects with an opponent's pitch. Senior First Baseman Mike Jaworski lead the team with 15 home runs in the 2008 season, only two home runs away from the SLC leader.





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(Left) Senior Catcher Anthony Jones returns the ball to his pitcher Jones was named the catcher for the 2008 AllSLC first team

(Below) During his first season Head Coach J.P. Davis led the 2008 Demons to a winning record of 17-12 in Conference play



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(Alphabetical Order) Tyler Boisley, Colin Bear, JC Bredengerd, Kyle Broughton, Denny Dhaate, Claton Coaper, Eric Deblanc, Brett Fredieu, Dominic Gamba, Josh Gardner, Trevor Geist, Trent Gondin, Jimmy Heard, Heath Hennigan, Lance Lacaste, D.D. Latt, Zach Luevanos, Chase Lyles, Carlos Maese, Justin Martinez, Dan Meyer, Jordon Nipp, Dustin Northcott, Justin O'Neal, Michael Ocampo, Miles Parsons, Andrew Plotkin, Daniel Qualls, Ben Rodriguez, Chad Sheppard, Beau Snodgrass, Trey Sato, Joe Urtuzuastegui, Garrett Vaughn, Jacob Willifard, Ryan Zimmerman

(Right) Saphamare Pitcher Sara Darnelas throws the ball past an appanent. Darnelas was the only healthy pitcher for the Lady Demans far the majority of the 2008 season.

Below Right) Lady Demans cheer on their teammates. Senior Outfielder Cary Bruna said the difficult season brought the team claser together.

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Below Left) Juniar outfielder, Brittany Card, rounds third in her way to scare another run far the Lady Demans.



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(Front Row) Morgan Hebert, Leslie Johnson, Stormi Stech, Leigh Appenfeller, Taywanee Edmonds, Britte Meche, Cary Bruno, Cassandra Poncik **(Second Row)** Ainsley Pellerin, Randi Stuard, Shira Walker, Mallorie Thorton, Amanda Jameson, Brittany Card, Kelly Corliss, Sara Dornelas, Richelle Morales

Hitting Past the Plate

sliding into education

Ploegued by injuries and perhaps bod luck, the Lady Demon softball team finished out the season at 10-45.

"It is disappointing because we worked really hard but we just didn't have it in our cords," Outfielder Brittony Card, senior biology major, said. "Games just didn't go our way sometimes."

"I appreciate the effort given by the players and know they dealt with obstacles including key injuries and not being able to use facilities for part of the season," Greg Burke, athletic director, said.

Only one of three Lady Demon pitchers was healthy enough to compete throughout the season. Sora Dornelos, sophomore psychology major, was forced to balance individual games while pacing herself for the 55-game season.

"It was a lot of weight on my shoulders," Dornelos said. "Trainers were literally massaging my back so I could keep going."

The Lady Demon softball squad had a young roster.

The major injuries and five different head coaches over the course of four years could be reasons the season fell short of expectations, Ron White, professor and long-time Lady Demon softball fan, said.

In spite of knowing their season was over, NSU defied the odds and upset the defending Southland

Conference champion, Stephen F. Austin, in the last series of the season. Determined to make every second count, NSU won the championship when they scored three runs with two outs in their final inning of the season.

The Lady Demons carried a sense of determination off the field and into the classroom.

Outfielder Cory Bruno, junior, was named the 2008 Southland Conference Student Athlete of the Year. Bruno was the only Lady Demon placed on an All SLC team, and she is president of the NSU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, an organization that works with athletic administration and organizes community service events for NSU athletes. To add to Bruno's honors, she received the Steven McCorty Citizenship Award for her work on campus and in the community.

First Baseman Amondo Jameson, sophomore health and exercise science major, earned first team Academic All-SLC honors, and she led the Lady Demons with 22 RBI and three home runs.

Outfielder Brittony Card, junior biology and physical therapy major, garnered second team Academic All-SLC. Card scored 24 runs and four-for-four in stolen bases for the Lady Demons this season.

The NSU softball squad is looking forward to next year's season. With a new coaching staff comes a new chance to re-establish the Demon softball tradition of excellence.

- Honnah Casey



(Left) The Lady Demon Softball squad celebrates after a runner scores. Sophomore First Baseman Amondo Jameson led the team with 22 RBI and three home runs.

Topping the Southland

continuing the tradition

The basketball team shocked the Southland Conference with another great season, ending in its fourth straight SLC Tournament Finals appearance.

The Demons' conference record of 9-7 granted them another trip to the conference tournament.

"Coming into conference, we knew we had to step our game up," Freshman Forward Devin White, general studies major, said. "Practice helped out."

The Demons had to rely on strengths and work on weaknesses they had in non-conference play.

For Junior Forward Kalem Porterie, business major, the team's greatest strength was its ability to recognize a change and overcome it as a team.

In the conference semi-finals, the Demons battled rival Stephen F. Austin University.

"This game was the biggest game of the season," Porterie said. "They were ranked, and we were the underdogs, but we pulled out an upset."

Freshman Forward Devin White's most memorable moment of the season came in this game.

"I missed two free throws in this game, but I came up with a steal and an assist to give us the lead," he said.

The Demons managed to make it to the conference finals where they fell short of a victory to The University of Texas at Arlington by three points, with the final score 82-79.

"We thought that we had the tournament won before the game," Porterie said. "It was a wake up call."

Sophomore Point Guard Michael McConathy,

junior electrical engineering major, said, "The fact that we've been there helped us out. We have a system that's built for tournament play."

McConathy, Academic AllSLC first-team pick, added the team's ability to get into the lane and put points on the board also had a huge impact on the game.

The Demons hope to take that same conference performance into a new season, McConathy said.

For McConathy, the success of next season will be a direct reflection of how well the new guys will gel with the system.

The Demons netted several post-season honors. Senior Forward Trey Gilder, general studies major, was named to the All-Louisiana second team and to the All-SLC first team. Fellow Senior Forward Colby Bargeman, general studies major, received AllSLC second team honors.

Head Coach Mike McConathy was named as Louisiana's coach of the year by members of the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches. McConathy finished up his 25th season as a head coach with an overall record of 498-294.

Porterie said he's excited to see how the team and the new guys come together and believes the Demons will have to prove themselves again next season.

- Jimmy Walker



(Front Row) Michael McConathy, Keithan Hancock, Dwayne Watkins, Daminic Knight, Damon Jones, Aubin Young, Jahn Anthony Anglin, Lagan McConathy
(Back Row) Colby Bargeman, unknown, Gerrell Thomas, Trey Gilder, Jerry Maady, Devin White, Demitrius Bell, Kalem Porterie and Deividas Petravicius



(Left) Freshman Guard Dominic Knight slows down on attack from an opponent. The Demons went 9-5 against opposing teams at home in Prother Coliseum.

(Bottom Left) Junior Damon Jones prepares to take a shot at a home game. He's the Demons' second leading returning scorer.

(Bottom Right) Senior Forward Trey Gilder drives past an opponent. Gilder, general studies major, was named to the All-SLC first team and the All-Louisiana second team. Fellow senior Colby Bergemon also earned All-SLC post-season honors.

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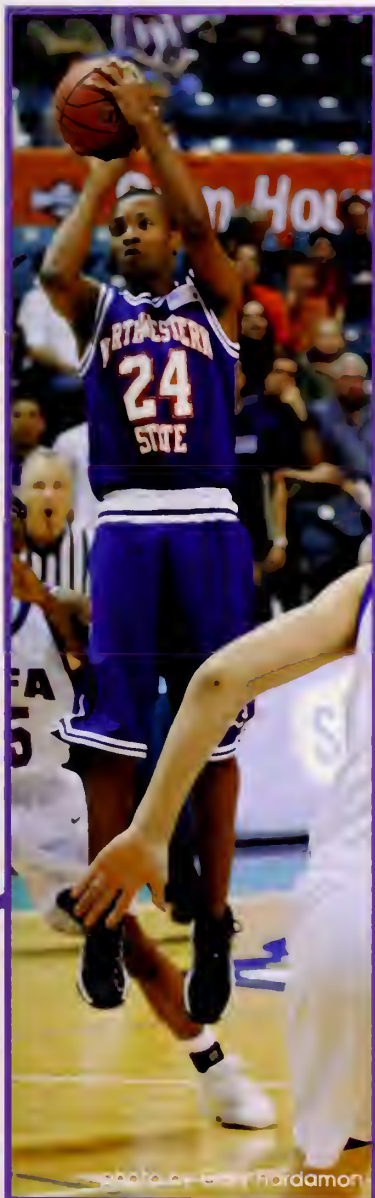




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(Middle) The Lady Demons gather around Head Coach Graf. The team finished the Southland Conference season 8-8.

(Bottom Left) Guard Tena Matthews, senior graduate student, looks for her teammates while she dribbles down the court. Matthews, working toward her masters in adult education, earned All-Louisiana and AllSLC post season honors.

(Bottom Center) Guard Brittiany Houston, freshman criminal justice major, pulls up for a jump shot. The Lady Demons would rebound from a slow SLC season start to win 7 of their last 9 games and earn an SLC tournament bid.

(Bottom Right) Point Guard Jessica McPhail, freshman social work major, drives past a University of Texas at San Antonio defender. McPhail is one of eleven underclassmen on the young Lady Demon roster.



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A Rollercoaster Season

defying the odds

The Lady Demon basketball team has certainly seen its fair share of highs and lows. After stumbling through the beginning stages of the Southland Conference regular season, losing four of the first five match-ups, the team rallied to win seven of the last nine games and earn a place in the SLC tournament.

Head Coach Jennifer Graf attributes these up-and-down results to the youth of her squad. The Lady Demons listed only two seniors to lead a majority of underclassmen through the season.

"We made a lot of freshman mistakes until we finally started figuring out how to play with each other and ended the season on a high note," Graf said. "We had a lot of young kids, but the two seniors did a great job with them."

After clawing its way into the SLC tournament, the Lady Demons found out they would be playing the University of Texas San Antonio in the first round. The Lady Demons had lost to UTSA by only two points in Natchitoches a few weeks earlier and had gradually been playing better since then, winning seven out of their last nine games.

UTSA took advantage of the Lady Demons' lack of play-off experience when they chose to double-team Senior Guard Tena Matthews, NSU's play-maker which caused the rest of the young team to scramble

to recover from the loss. When the buzzer sounded, the Lady Demons came up short, losing 56-80.

"This group really worked hard every single time they stepped out onto the court, to practice or play," Graf said. "They were always working to get better."

That sense of work ethic would not go unnoticed when it came time for post season honors.

Matthews, adult education masters student, was named to the All-Louisiana second team and was selected to the first team AllSLC. She was the high-scorer for the Lady Demons averaging 15.2 points a game led the SLC in rebounding, averaging 9.6 rebounds a game and recorded 14 double-doubles this season.

"Tena is just a great athlete and (senior center Ashli) Barnum was our central presence," Graf said of her two seniors. "Both will be very successful in whatever they do in life."

"It didn't go as I planned my senior year, but I wouldn't change it," Barnum, general studies major, said. "I went through a lot of personal growth as a player."

Graf said the Lady Demon basketball team gained valuable experience from its roller-coaster season. This experience and maturity will stay with them as they regroup and get buckled in for their next ride.

- Bobbie Hayes



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(Front Row) Renotto Edwards, Tweet Williams, Brooke Shepherd, Tena Matthews, Brittiany Huston (Back Row) Anno Cote Williams, Akilo Givens, Darothy Knox, Natoshia Isom, Deosia Jahnsen, Brette Gertansan, Ashli Barnum, Courtney Sheod, Jessica McPhail, Carmen Wallace and Lyndzee Greene

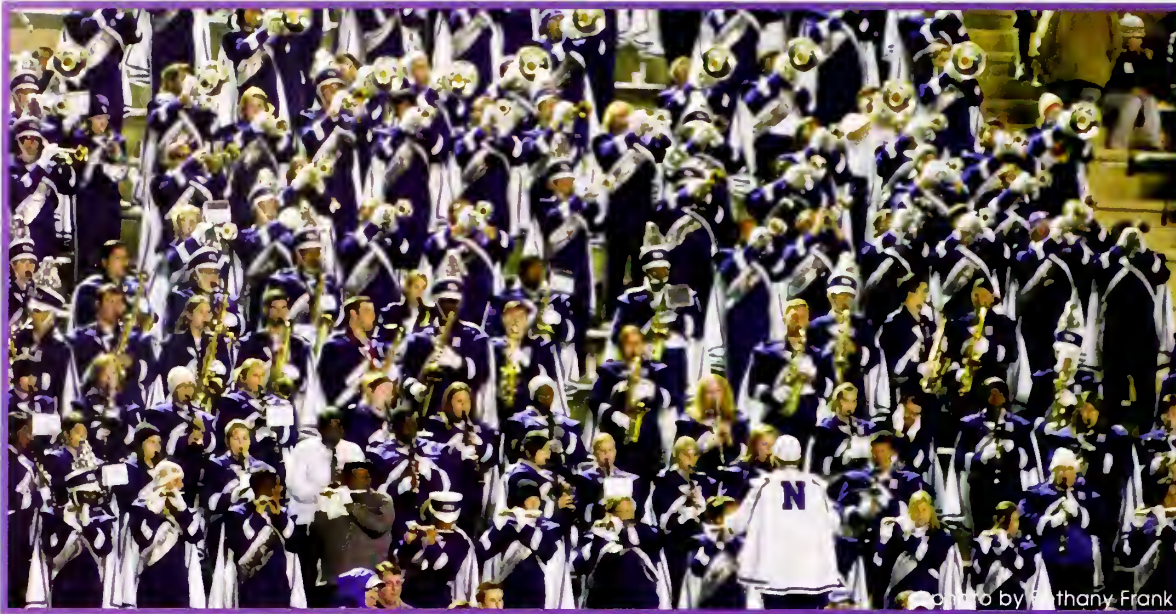


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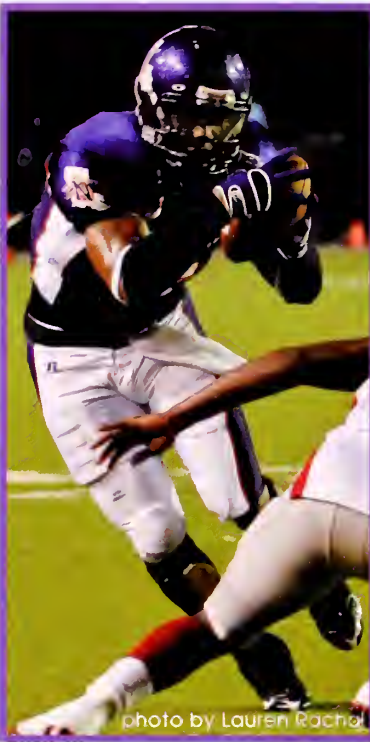


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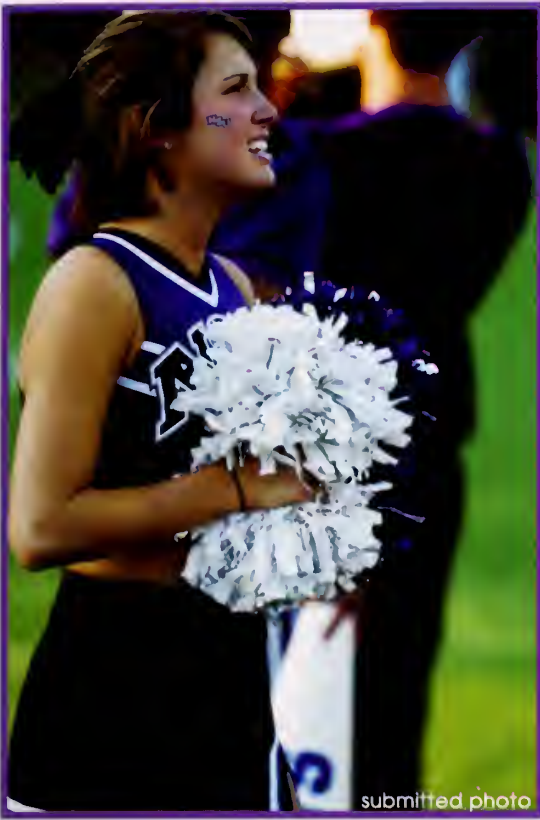


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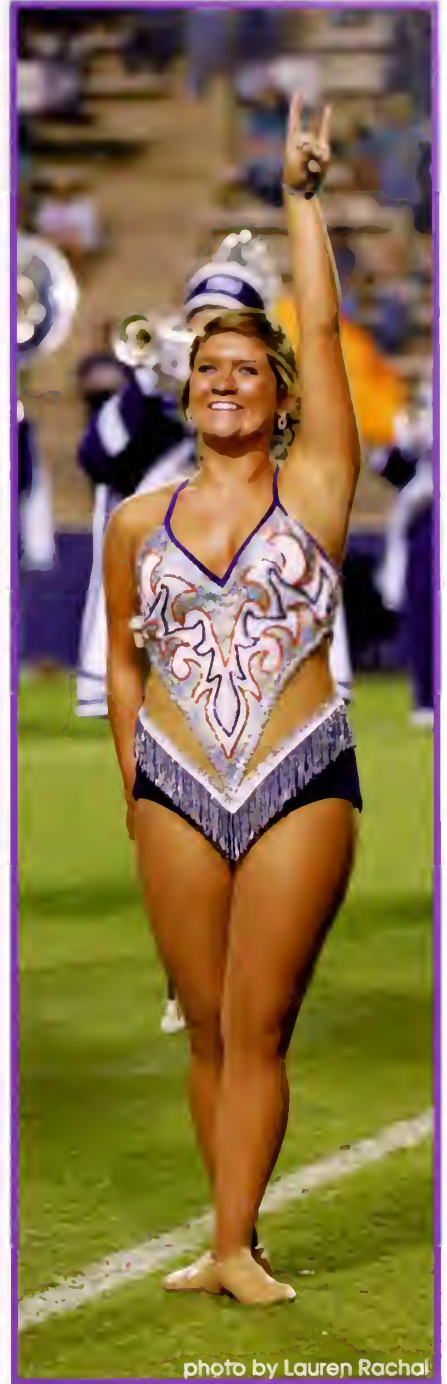


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(Top Left) Chris Pearson, senior business administration major, leads the pack of the Centenary Invitational. Pearson would go on to finish first with a time of 27:29 and lead the Demons to their first ever team victory.

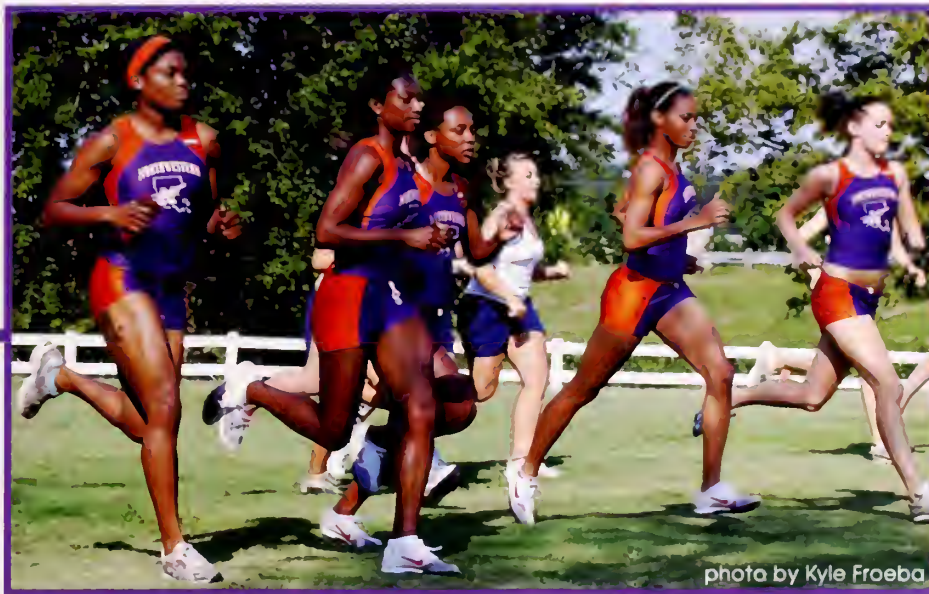
(Top Center) Sophomore Courtney Hershberger approaches the finish line of the NSU Invitational. The Lady Demons finished fourth with 106 points.

(Top Right) Nothoniol McReynolds, sophomore music education major, strides the last yards of the men's four mile race of the NSU Invitational. The Demons finished third with 83 points.

(Left) The Lady Demons keep pace with one another of the NSU Invitational. Head Coach Holey Blount said the ladies made huge improvements in spite of serious setbacks due to injuries.



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Running Uphill

demon development

The men's and women's cross country teams' season had its share of peaks and valleys.

The Demon cross country team consisted of one senior, four sophomores and one freshman.

"We are just going through some growing pains," Chris Pearson, senior business major, said. "We are really developing talent. They have already made huge improvements from their freshman year."

The Demons finished in 11th place with a total team score of 294 at the Southland Conference Meet. Pearson finished highest of the NSU squad placing 33rd with a time of 27:05.

"The guys all improved drastically, and as a coach you can't ask for anything more than that everyone give you their best, which they did," Head Coach Haley Blount said.

A peak for the team came when the Demons won the program's first ever team title at the Centenary College Invitational in October. Chris Pearson ran the eight kilometer men's course in 27:29, earning him first place overall, and freshman teammate Tim Collins took 2nd with a time of 28:21.

"It was really a confidence booster for them," Blount said. "It seemed like after that meet they all came together and started running as a team, not just five individuals."

Blount said the victory was especially sweet because Centenary College had finished first at NSU's only home meet of the season one week earlier.

"For us to turn around and beat them was just really exciting," Blount said.

The Lady Demons were faced with not only the challenge of extreme youth but also a string of season-ending injuries that made the team's trek to success even more difficult, Blount said.

"Staying healthy was definitely the girls' biggest

hurdle," Blount said. "They all just dropped like flies."

The women's team, made up of freshmen and sophomores, lost two athletes after they were diagnosed with stress fractures in their shins and decided to use their medical red-shirts. This loss meant the team only had the minimum number of five runners required to compete in any cross country meet.

"We started from pretty much nothing," Blount said. "We had to pull in a girl who normally sprints the 400 meter for us, and one of the girls had to compete at conference with a torn calf."

The Lady Demons finished 4th at the SLC Pre-Conference Championships meet hosted by Stephen F. Austin over the same course they would run at the SLC Conference meet. Redd Williams, sophomore physical education major, was the top runner for NSU over the six kilometer race, finishing 15th overall with a time of 27:06 and Andreo Warren finishing 18th with a time of 27:43.

Lack of experience contributed to a poor performance at the SLC Conference meet a week later. The Lady Demons finished 12th with a total score of 357 points. Andreo Warren, sophomore interior design major, was the top runner for NSU, finishing 53rd and clocking in at 25:11.

"We're definitely a young team," Williams said. "We were shocked by all the runners at Conference. I think there were about 100 girls running, and that was definitely our biggest meet of the season."

"If there is a light at the end of the tunnel, it is that all of (the cross country runners) are improving in every race for Track and Field," Blount said.

- Bobbie Hoyes



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(Top Left) Sophomore Defensive Specialist Megan Manning, biology major, passes the ball to begin an attack for the Lady Demons. NSU surprised the Southland Conference when they out-dug the number one seed, Texas State, in their first round match.

(Top Center) Sophomore Outside Hitter Taylor Deering, psychology major, tips the ball back over the net. The Lady Demons finished the season in 8th place in the SLC.

(Top Right) Junior Setter Megan Dockery, biology major, passes a ball for her teammate to hit over the net. Dockery led her team with four kills in the SLC Tournament appearance.



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(Front Row) Taylor Deering, Megan Dockery, Laila Benjamin **(Second Row)** Zanny Castillo, Luana Henriques, Yelena Enwere **(Third Row)** Laranda Spann, Angelica Cruz, Megan Manning, Markie Robichau

Setting the Tone

practicing perfection

"Never give up, never surrender" could have been the battle cry for the Lady Demon Volleyball team. The team appeared in its fourth straight Southland Conference Tournament, finishing their season 10-16 overall.

The team fought through injuries to finish 8th in the Eastern District of the Southland Conference. The Lady Demons lined up to play against regular season champions Texas State in the first round.

"We played way more aggressive," Defensive Specialist Zanny Castillo, sophomore accounting major, said. "Practices that week were really intense. We did a lot of drills designed to give our offense a lot of options so we were always doing something new."

Practices paid off. The team came out with an intensity that helped it defeat Texas State, the number one team in the tournament, 25-22 in the first game of the match. The Lady Demons went on to lose the match 3-1, but the largest win margin was only five points.

"We played with them point-for-point," outside hitter Yelena Enwere, senior health and human performance major, said. "They didn't know what to expect from us. We really came out and showed them what we could do."

NSU may have lost the match, but they had a higher blocking average and boasted a higher digging average than the Texas State Bobcats. The Lady Demons also served for more aces, four of which came from setter Megan Dockery, junior biology major, when she went on

a 10-0 serving streak to bring her team back from a 13-21 deficit and take the lead late in the third set.

"Really, I couldn't ask more from the girls," Head Coach Brittany Uffelman told NSU Sports Information. "We can't say, 'could've done this,' 'should've scored there.' We served our tails off, passed the ball well and hit well."

Dockery posted her 11th double-double with 42 set assists and 14 digs. Outside hitter Markie Robichau, junior psychology major, also had a double-double with 10 kills and 15 digs. Zanny Castillo led the Lady Demons defensively with 18 digs.

Yelena Enwere, health and human performance major, became the second player in school history to receive league post-season accolades when she was named to the All-SLC second team. Enwere was also named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VI Second Team.

Enwere led her team in multiple offensive categories. She had 336 kills in one season, 3.57 kills per set, and a .235 hitting percentage. She was also ranked second in the SLC the end of the regular season in number of kills. Enwere also holds the top spot most kills in one match for posting 24 kills against McNeese University during the regular season.

The Lady Demons have consistently shown they belong in the top of the SLC rankings. This year was no exception.

- Bobbie Hayes



High Expectations

focus, leadership, motivation

Winning streaks, defensive domination, and a difficult out-of-conference schedule paved the way for the Lady Demons as they notched another Southland Conference Tournament appearance.

NSU opened the season upsetting Tulsa University at home, 2-0, before struggling on a three-game road trip, losing to Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State, and Oklahoma State, by a combined score of 8-1. The competition with these three giants proved to be a dynamic confidence builder for the ladies in purple and white.

"It's fun to play those kinds of teams, but when you lose to them you can help but lose some confidence," defender Missy Oakley, junior business administration major, said. "We just tried to keep playing."

In the next 12 games, NSU recorded a scorching 83-1 record, losing to Texas Tech on the road, Southeastern Louisiana on the road, and McNeese State at the Demon Soccer Complex.

The Lady Demons nearly scored at will against some opponents, putting up a season-high 10 goals against Southern University. NSU also put up six goals against conference foe Lamar University and demolished the Lady Colonels of Nicholls State, 7-2.

Forward Kayce Schultz, junior business major, led the offensive storm for the Lady Demons with 28 points, scoring 12 goals on 17 shots on goal. Schultz was a first team AllSLC selection. Her 12 goals rank third most in a season in school history. She also set a school record and a Southland Conference record with four goals in the game against Lamar.

Defender Chelsea Brozgold, junior health and exercise science major, and goalkeeper Lindy Strahan, sophomore psychology major, earned second team honors, while defender Bobbie Hayes, senior journalism major, and midfielder Rachel O'Steen, freshman journalism major, picked up honorable mention honors.

"The postseason awards allow the individual

players who received them to feel proud of their accomplishments. For the rest of the team it motivates them to work even harder to reach that elite status of players that are rewarded at the end of each season," Assistant Coach Mike Baker said.

This group of ladies led the Lady Demons to its 7th conference tournament appearance in a row, but not without tough conference competition on the way. After the impressive run made by the Lady Demons, they struggled a bit more with conference play. After a 4-2 start to conference play, the Lady Demons were in prime position to make a run at the conference title or earn a high seed in the tournament.

A ruthless battle with Stephen F. Austin at home ended in a 0-0 double-overtime tie, beginning a four-game winless streak to end the season. NSU ended the regular season losing two in a row, both on the road and by a 1-0 score.

"We really felt like it just wouldn't work out for us," midfielder Gabby Assayag, senior education major, said. "Everyone was working so hard and we just couldn't score when we needed to."

NSU backed its way into the tournament where they faced the third-seeded Texas- San Antonio Lady Roadrunners. NSU's defense continued to play well, while the offense struggled. NSU lost its third consecutive game, 1-0.

"As far as next season goes, we will be working extremely hard on our individual skills and fitness level this season," Baker said. "We need to focus on having all 11 girls on the field, no matter who that is, all on the same page with the same effort and determination."

Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell takes his Lady Demons into the off-season, losing six players, all earning at least two letters while at NSU. Mitchell reached a career plateau, marking his 100th win at NSU earlier in the season.

- Fletcher Jonson



(Front Row) Jenny Perdama, Kayce Schultz, Kayla King, Lindy Strahan, Sam Furlaw, Lacie Hughes, Erin Burney, Camerran Mason (Second Row) Gabrielle Assayag, Hannah Casey, April Madden, Rachel O'Steen, Missy Oakley, Meghan Hunter, Sarah Sadler, Caraline Seago, Rose Lawrence (Third Row) Amanda Vines, Bobbie Hayes, Manette Keller, Ashley Millhouse, Chelsea Brazgold, Heather Burt, Rachel Lawrence, Haley Chesher, Chelsey Gibbs, Betsy Brawn, Maddy Hall, Christian Marks



(Top Left) Midfielder Rachel O'Steen, freshman journalism major, attacks on opponent. O'Steen would go on to earn AllSLC past season honors.

(Top Right) Forward Maddy Hall, junior health and exercise science major, crosses the ball in front of the Lomax's defensive goal. NSU won the game 6-0 with forward Kayce Shultz, junior business major, netting 4 goals.

(Middle) Captain Gabrielle Assayag, senior education major, serves the ball to a teammate. Assayag was one of six seniors to lead the Lady Demons through the most successful season at home (5-1-2) since their freshman season's perfect record.

(Bottom) The starting line-up for the Lady Demons gets ready for the start of a game. The team went on to finish the SLC regular season 4-4-1 earning them the sixth and final spot in the SLC tournament.



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(According to Roster) Robert Weeks, Gary Riggs, Jeremy Jefferson, Kevin Perry, Dedrin Seastrunk, William Griffin, John Hundley, Alex Williams, Drew Branch, Lance Lacaste, Cashas Pallard, Kasey Brawn, Adam Fayard, Carsan Martinez, Kenneth Charles, Calvin Staker III, Dudley Guice Jr., Patrick Earl, Justin Perry, Byran Lawrence, James Swanson, Jeremy Lane, Wesley Eckles, Phil LeBlanc, Justin Aldredge, Taylor McElwee, Calby Arceneaux, Sterling Endsley, Xavier Lee, Derek Rose, Patrick Chitman, Dante Austin, Ben Landry, Quinten Goadie, Bradley Russa, Rogers Lacke, Lamant Simmons, Matt Currie, Canner Mullins, Bryan Munch, Blake Delcambre, William Davis, Nic Russa, Scott Wattigny, Isaiah Greenhouse, Mack Dampier, Wade Williams, Xavier Yauman, Jace Prescott, Scott Pierce, Jeff Bardelan, Marcus Washington, Margan Redman, Bryan Rass, Tim Henderson, Lean Glover, Ben Schwantes, David Wheatley, Jesse Hernandez, Kendall Radrique, Jared Reed, Zachary Case, Michael Baaker, Charles McDaniel, Jimmy McKee, Maria Wiley, Chad Bell, Adam Varnada, Jasper Edwards, Gardan Freeman, Spencer Harrell, Darius Duffy, David Larsen, Albert Smith, Ricky Issac, Damarian Ates, Jash Daniels, Eric Pease, Trey Caaley, Marshall Harris, Ledell Love, Dennis Clark, Chaz Augustine, Patrick Banenberger, Brashard Baaker, Gernayne Edmand, Yaser Elqutub, Destan Jackson, Brack Landry, Caleb Lansberry, Bradford Matthews, Cary Ragas, Calvin Smith, Deandre Smith, Stephen Stamey, Reginald Turner, Neil Walker, Darius Williams and Chris Willis



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(Above Left) The Demans take the field. NSU finished the season tied far second in the Southland Conference.

(Above Right) Football players celebrate after successfully defending the largest sparts trophy in the world against rival Stephen F. Austin. The Chief, weighing in at 76" and 320 lbs., has called Natchitoches home for four years out of the last five.

(Bottom Left) Quarterback Drew Branch, senior exercise science major, lines up for an offensive attack. Branch led the Demans to victory over the Nicholls State Canals.

(Bottom Right) The Deman's offensive line gets ready to protect their quarterback from Nicholls State University. The Demans won the game 36-28.



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Back to Business

purple swarm leads the way

2008 Deman fans got a glimpse of the NSU football's former greatness when the Demons finished tied for second place in the Southland Conference.

The season kicked off with a huge win over the Texas A&M-Cammerce Lions, 30-14. The win continued NSU's streak of 26 consecutive victories over Division II opponents.

Then the team traveled to Waco, Texas, to face-off against the Football Bowl Subdivision Baylor Bears. The Bears won 51-6. The Demon offense managed only 200 total yards of offense for the game.

After a huge loss to the Bears, Mother Nature decided not to be kind to NSU either. Hurricane Gustav engulfed Natchitoches and forced the game between NSU and Grambling State to be moved from Saturday to Sunday. In spite of the setback on the field a week earlier and the delays from Mother Nature, the Demons defeated the Tigers, 31-19.

"We made big play after big play on defense and then put together two awesome drives to end the game," former Head Coach Scott Staker said. "Our team showed a lot of guts to pull that one out, especially going 99 yards against a talented Grambling defense on the heels of an awesome goal line stand."

Riding high on the emotions after the GSU game the Demons played host to Cal Poly. The Mustangs, at the time ranked 13th in the nation, overpowered NSU, 52-18.

Showing its resilience after such a huge loss, the Demons posted a huge victory of its own over the Southeastern Oklahoma State Savage Storm, 63-12. Senior defensive back Justin Perry, education major, returned the opening kickoff 95 yards to put the Demons up 7-0 in the first minute of the game. This win extended NSU's streak of victories over Division II opponents to 27 straight games.

The Demons opened Southland Conference play at home hosting the Nicholls State Colonels. The Colonels team defeated the Demons last year 58-0. This year, however, was a completely different story. Thanks in part to senior running back Byran Lawrence, education major, who had 191 yards on the ground, the Demons were able to avenge last season's loss and start conference out on the right foot with a 36-28 victory over the other NSU.

Battling injuries at the quarterback position, NSU traveled down to Hammond, La., to face the Southeastern Louisiana Lions. On paper it would seem that the Demons had won the game by a large margin, but four turnovers by the NSU offense made the scoreboard prove otherwise, with the Lions winning 26-21.

With its conference record now at one and one, the Demons looked to get back to the home cooking at Turpin Stadium as they played host to the Sam Houston Bearkats. The Demons made the Bearkats

trip to Natchitoches one they would hope to forget, by defeating them 24-16.

With a chance to be tied for first place in the Southland Conference, the Demons traveled to San Marcos, Texas, to take on the Texas State Bobcats. With a good second half performance by the offense, the Demons were able to pull out the victory in overtime, 34-31.

In a tie for first place in the SLC, the Demons faced the then ranked 16 Central Arkansas Bears. The Bears had no mercy for the Demons by winning 42-6. The only high note in the game for the Demons was when senior kicker Robert Weeks, journalism major, broke the all-time school record for most field goals made in a career.

Looking to bounce back after a horrendous loss to the Bears, the Demons looked to cement themselves in the hunt for the playoffs. All that was needed to do so was a victory over rival McNeese State. The Cowboys, however, made sure NSU was not cementing itself anywhere with a 24-17 victory.

"This team deserved to have a winning record and a winning conference record," Staker said to NSUDemons.com. "As it turned out, we were one play away from playing in the playoffs."

With slim hopes still left for the playoffs, the Demons had only one goal: winning. And win they did. NSU, for the second straight year and for four of the past five seasons, brought back Chief Caddo, the largest trophy in all of college sports, by beating arch-rival Stephen F. Austin, 34-24.

With that win the Demons needed a McNeese loss to UCA and a Texas State loss to Sam Houston. McNeese did its job by losing to UCA, but Texas State was not so kind to the Demons by winning in overtime by a field goal, leaving the Demons on the outside looking in at the playoffs.

The Demons finished its season with a 7-5 record overall and a 43 record in the Southland Conference. Kicker Robert Weeks planted himself as one of the greatest kickers to grace NSU, by breaking the all-time school record for field goals made and most points scored. Senior running back Byran Lawrence also finished his career in second place on the school's all-time rushing mark with 3,316 career rushing yards.

"It was a great way to end the season. I have to credit my teammates," Weeks said. "I owe my success to them."

Despite the winning season the NSU athletic Department decided it was time for a change and did not renew coach Scott Staker's contract for the 2009 season. Staker had been head coach at NSU for the past seven seasons.

- Andy Bullard

Demon Domination

the best of 2009

(Top Right) First Baseman Mike Jawarski, senior sports administration masters student, celebrates with his teammates after hitting a home run. Jawarski became part of a selective club when he was named to the 2008 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American Team. Jawarski led the Demons to a 17-12 Southland Conference record Eastern Division and another appearance in the SLC Tournament. Jawarski hit 15 home runs and stole 13 bases. He was also named Louisville Slugger Hitter of the Week after hitting five runs in five weeks.

(Bottom Left) Cooch Mitchell receives a soccer ball autographed by the 2008 NSU soccer team from NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke and Senior Women's Administrator Jodie Heinicke in celebration of his 500th win in nine seasons with the Lady Demons. NSU gave Mitchell his 100th win after defeating Southern University 10-0 and extended his overall record of NSU to 102-78-17. Under his leadership NSU has become the only team in Louisiana to compete in the NCAA Tournament multiple times, 2000, 2002 and 2005. The Lady Demons have also placed more athletes on Academic All Southland Conference Teams than any other school.

(Bottom Right) Outfielder Cory Bruno, junior business administration major, dives for a ball hit into the Lady Demon outfield. Bruno was named as the Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year. While maintaining high standards in the classroom, Bruno also acts as president of NSU's Student Athlete Advisory Council, a group that focuses on organizing community service projects and improving the overall college experience of Demon and Lady Demon athletes. She was also awarded the SLC Steve McCorty Citizenship Award for her work in the community. On the field, Bruno led her team with a .302 batting average and a place on the AllSLC third team.



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(Above Right) Kicker Robert Weeks, senior journalism major, winds up for an extra point. Weeks cemented his place in the NSU record books when he broke school records for the most field goals made in a career, 42, most consecutive extra points, 10, and most points scored, 223.



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(Left) The Men's Cross Country Team recorded the program's first-ever team win. Chris Pearson, senior business major, ran the eight kilometer men's course in 27:29, earning him first place overall, and freshman teammate Tim Collins took 2nd with a time of 28:21. "It was really a confidence booster for them," Head Coach Haley Blount said.



Lifting Spirits

one game at a time

The battle cry, "Go purple! Go white! Fight Demons, Fight!" amplified by megaphones can be heard booming from NSU Cheerleaders at each athletic event.

NSU's co-ed spirit group, made up of eight females and five males, appears at athletic events, alumni functions, all home football games, basketball games and selected away games.

"Our most memorable moments are road trips and watching each other attain personal goals," Captain Amy Dodson said. "My favorite things to do on road trips are to play games with the walkie-talkies."

Almost as old as the university itself, this spirited group has supported NSU since the dawn of the first football team. Through the teams' wins and losses, the NSU cheerleaders, with Vic the Demon, are there to cheer them on.

"We have attended every football game this year and will attend every home basketball game and select away games to keep the players motivated," Steven Woods, cheer coach and facility coordinator of the Wellness Recreation & Activity Center, said. "There is no off season for these athletes; these students work throughout the summer and both semesters."

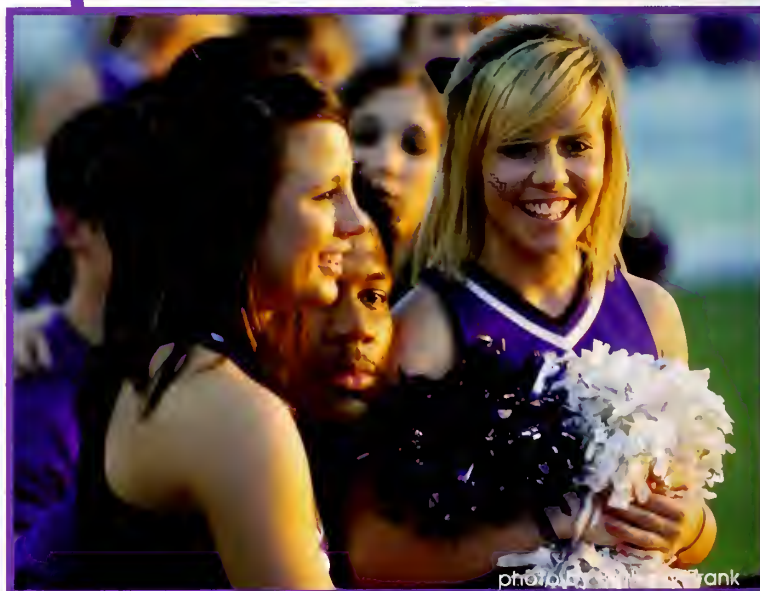
The team holds general workouts twice a week and official practice three days a week. They also attend cheer camps almost every summer to learn new ways to keep school spirit high, motivate the Demon teams to keep fighting hard and entertain the NSU crowd.

Staying busy is a must for this squad. They are always attending and making appearances at everything possible in the summer in hopes of encouraging new students to attend NSU.

Along with the Office of University Recruiting, the NSU cheerleaders host cheer camps all summer long for cheer squads from across the United States.

The purple and white spirit will never die as long as NSU has its cheerleading squad to keep them uplifted.

- Tori Ladd





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For the Love of Dance just the right mix

Shimmering and shining in purple and white, the Purple Pizzazz Pam Pan Line never ceases to amaze the Deman crowd with their groovin' moves.

The Purple Pizzazz Pam Pan Line is NSU's official spirit group. What makes them special are their moves. The 21-member squad fuses both cheer and dance routines to raise school spirit at football and basketball games.

The Pam Pan line works out in the Health and Human Performance Building's dance studio for two hours a day, four days a week. Like all athletes, the Pam Pan line must practice hard to keep its moves sharp and precise.

"Our main focus is pom dance, but we add hip hop to our routines to give them a twist," Captain Nicale Duzat, sophomore biology major, said.

Along with attending home basketball games, the Purple Pizzazz also serves as the hostess group for the NSU Office of Admissions and Recruiting. Their duties include marching in parades and making guest appearances at various events.

"I love the games, it's really great to be close to the team and almost in the action," Duzat said. "But I really love doing Christmas Fest. It's different from any other parade and so many people attend, and it is a great atmosphere."

NSU Central Louisiana Recruiter Natalie Laurence is experiencing her first year as Pom Pan Line director.

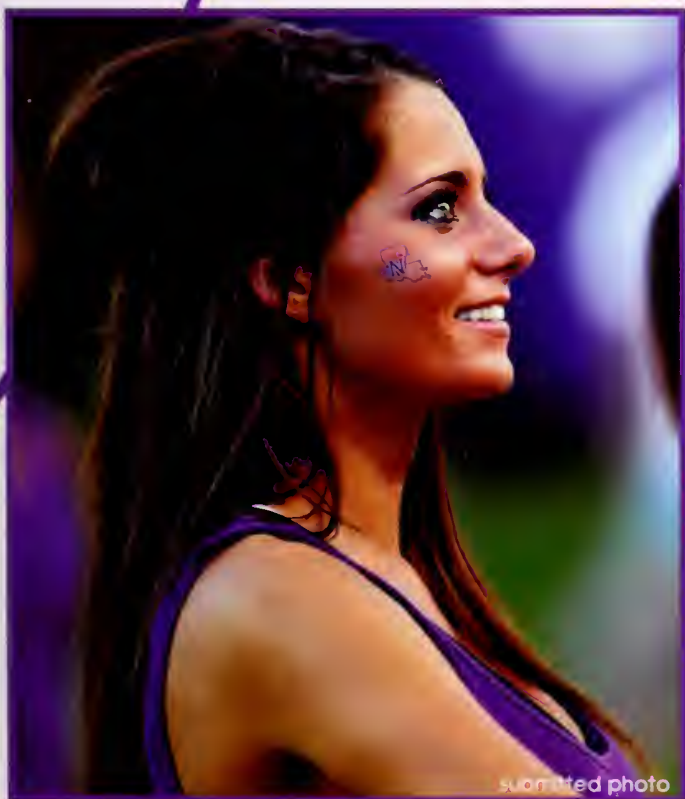
"I love all genres of dance, and so I am excited that I can share my knowledge of dance and leadership with the girls," Laurence said. "I look forward to working with each and every one of them in the future."

The girls all agreed that pom pan line made it possible for their group to come together and bond over their mutual love of dance.

- Tari Ladd



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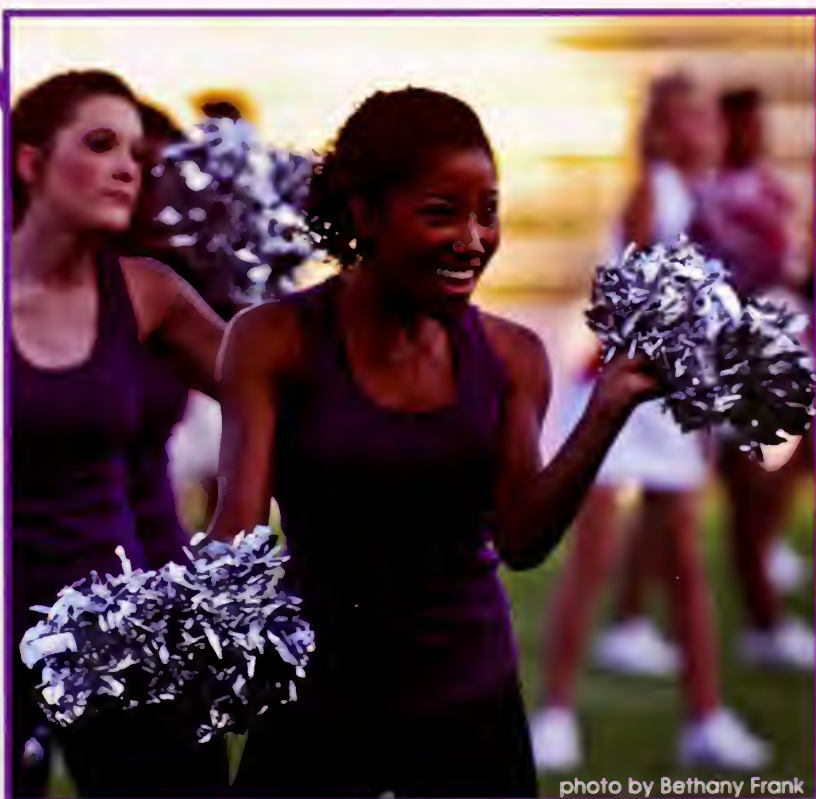


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(Front Row) Jasmine Charles, Valarie Girair (Back Row) Danavan Glaver, Brittany Raat, Stacey Ledoux, Chlaee Christensen

Not just any sport

Forming bonds through dance

With a combination of dance, music and passion, the Dazzlers provide a sisterhood bond no sorority could imagine.

As the official jazz dance line and auxiliary unit to the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, the Demon Dazzlers, composed of six freshman, do more than dance and raise the spirit of NSU fans; they form friendships as tight as sisters.

"Practices are where we make all of our inside jokes," Stacey Ledoux, freshman theatre major, said.

Having practice every day for at least an hour can be intense, but the girls' different personalities made the practices full of laughter, chatting and fun. By watching a practice, a person can see how the squad, including the advisor, has a relationship as close as any family.

Although the dances can look simple and easy, they are not. For the Dazzlers to perform dances eight minutes long with turning and leaping involved, they need endurance, muscular strength, flexibility and balance.

The Dazzlers perform these strenuous dances during football and basketball half times, the Christmas Gala, pep-rallies and various competitions around the state.

Along with practices and performances, the girls also have academic responsibilities as students and scholarship recipients. As a Dazzler, each girl is responsible to keep a 3.0 GPA and attend special dance class requirements, along with regular Dazzler duties, to earn her \$500 scholarship.

Despite the demanding schedule, the Dazzlers were able to balance dance and classes.

"Because I love dance so much, there was no way I could give it up just because I was busy with school," Valarie Giroir, freshman psychology major, said. "I just eliminated things that were not important, so I could spend more time studying outside of dance."

-Taylor Graves



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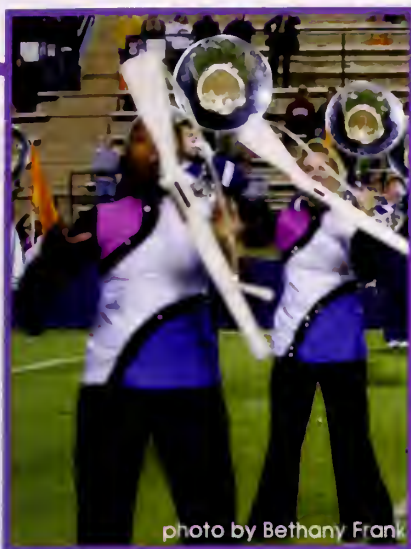


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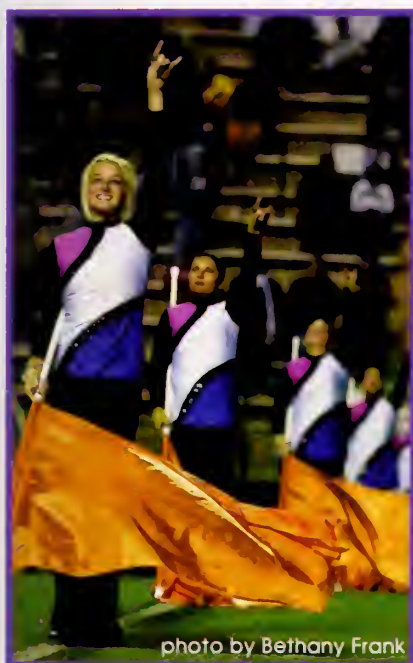


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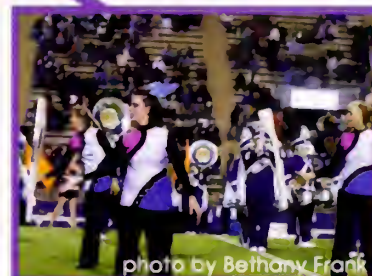


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Twirl to the beat

balancing the heat

They are seen at every NSU football game waving brightly colored flags and executing tightly-choreographed moves while the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band blasts out bombastic tunes for the crowd.

The 40-member NSU Demon Heat Colorguard has been around since the early '80's and has become an integral part of half-time performances.

"Being in the colorguard takes a lot of dedication," Kevin Richardson, associate director of bands, said. "It is the most visual aspect of the band."

Richardson said high school colorguard experience is crucial, and those lacking a musical background would have difficulty learning routines.

Members must also maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Colorguard auditions include a review of different line techniques and a short routine to learn and perform.

For Blair Pickett, sophomore general studies major and two-year colorguard member, the audition process was a little nerve wracking.

"I wasn't used to the style they use here," she said. "So it was a little scary."

Pickett also said being a colorguard member and student can be a draining.

"The hardest part is staying focused with school and everything going on," she said. "It's difficult to balance."

Tina Howes, freshman criminal justice major, said being part of a team and working as a unit during performances can be hard. Although being a line member can be difficult, both Howes and Pickett think the good outweighs the bad.

"(The best part) is learning new stuff. It's a fun experience," Pickett said.

For Howes, performing makes it worthwhile.

"The best part is twirling on the field at football games," she said.

Colorguard activities extend beyond football games. For the past two years the Demon Heat has participated in the winter guard, an indoor color guard event held in January. The group has competed in about five or six competitions and has placed second in a few. Richardson thinks, with more experience, the group can garner a first-place win.

On Drum and Colorguard Day, held in early September, high school color guard members are invited to rehearse routines and perform at a football game.

"That's a big recruiting day for us," Richardson said.

These new recruits will hopefully keep the fire The Demon Heat Colorguard has started burning for a long time to come.

-Kevin Clarkston



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Sounds Caress the Ear

travelers of time and space

Before classes, in the heat of the summer, the Spirit of Northwestern can be heard across campus with trumpets blaring, sousaphones pumped and woodwinds warming up their fingers for the endless runs.

SON is composed of about 290 members including the wind section, the drumline, the colorguard, the dazblers and the twirlers.

But, without the efforts of Bill Brent, director of bands, SON would not be the band it is today, Kevin Richardson, associate director of bands, said.

When Brent arrived, there were only 35 members in the band, but now, 25 years later, it is the best school band in the land, Richardson said.

The music department constantly planned a semester ahead, and in order to avoid stock arrangements, Richardson wrote both the music arrangements and the drills.

"I know what our strengths are," he said. "Designing shows involves a healthy balance of interest and music education, and the students learn what they need."

The band performed three shows; John Williams, Led Zeppelin and a Latin show.

Each music arrangement and drill brought different difficulties with it. The John Williams show was the hardest to write, but provided many different visuals such as a shark and space ship set, Richardson said.

Musically, the Led Zeppelin show was the most difficult to arrange because of the simple harmonies and chord progression in rock and roll. It also was difficult to make the music engaging without the vocals, but there was little drill to write, Richardson said.

The show featured two staff members: Dr. Paul Forsyth, assistant professor, on saxophone and Dr. Andrej

Kurti, assistant professor, on electric violin.

"I want the crowd to stay glued to their seats and then come to their feet at the end of the show—that's what the Zeppelin show did," Richardson said.

The Led Zeppelin show proved to be a crowd favorite this year. After a flurry of phone calls and e-mails from season ticket holders and vice presidents, the SON brought it back for the last game of the season.

"The music was a lot of fun, and I have never seen the crowd, on the home or student side, react the way they did to that show," drum major Charlie Potts, junior nursing major said. "It was very exhilarating to hear the crowd behind us yelling and cheering the band on."

In addition to learning three shows, the SON faced the wrath of two hurricanes, Gustav and Ike, in two weeks.

"We missed school and practices," drum major Cameron Mayfield, junior music education major, said. "For the Zeppelin show, we didn't do the drill and didn't have time to learn the next."

Despite this, SON had a successful semester, and Potts said he hopes the students, faculty and alumni see SON for what they really are, "The Best Sounding Band in the Land."

Richardson hopes to help the students be better than simply today's expectations, in everything they do.

"No one is going to remember Led Zeppelin," he said. "But they will remember the members of the Spirit of Northwestern went on to graduate and become role models in their community and become good husbands, wives and parents."

- Bethany Frank



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Backbone to Success

tapping off to something better

While some desire to march to the beat of a different drum, the Spirit of Northwestern marches with ease when the NSU drumline sets the pace.

The drumline is composed of the battery and the front ensemble. The battery is a collection of drums: tenors, basses and snares, and cymbals, while the front ensemble is a collection of auxiliary percussion including, but not limited to, marimbas, vibraphones, bells, chimes, timpani and ride cymbals.

"It's an incredible feeling when you get 40 people playing the same exact thing at the same exact time and everything just clicks," Brendon Mizener, senior music education major, said.

The drumline practices two hours a day, perfecting their skills through rehearsals, warm ups, stand stills, marching and sectionals.

"With each practice we get a little better and a little cleaner," Matt Reilly, senior music education major, said. "(We want) to have a show that shows how much we prepared. (I want to) be better than when I got here and not settle."

Each member of the drumline earned a performance scholarship and joined the band at all performances.

"Not often are you allowed to hit things and get paid to do so," Reilly said.

The drumline acts as a metronome for the SON, so it is crucial they are able to work together as a team. Because of this, the drumline forms a bond unlike any other section in the band. When one member needs something, they all go running to his side.

"When you spend that much time together, they become your family," Alan Brawdy, music graduate student, said.

"The NSU drumline is an amazing group of people who work hard together to help the band keep tempo and provide a fundamental backbone of support," Giquan Garrett, senior music education major, said. "They are a respected group of individuals who take pride in what they do."

-Bethany Frank



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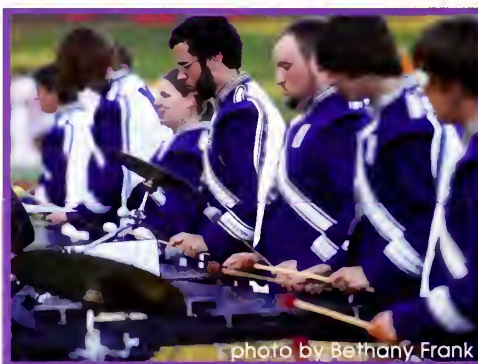


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The Disappearing Demon

Vic struggles to survive

For years, Vic the Demon has been a standby at sporting events, the fiery little fiend cheering on athletes and supporting the university. This year, however, Vic's presence is missed at our games. What happened to Vic?

As it turned out, only two students auditioned for the role. Matt Koon, the previous semester's Vic, won the audition, but an internship took him away from campus.

According to director of cheerleading Steven Wood, no one else stepped forward to don the costume.

"We just haven't had anyone interested," Wood said.

Even with the low number of applicants, becoming Vic is not easy. There is a lot to being the Demon.

"It takes determination. It's more than just being at the game. You have to stay in shape. You have to learn (Vic's) walk. it's like a 70's era pimp," Koon said.

Wood noted that there are plans for Vic's return next semester.

"There will be tryouts for any interested students in the spring," Wood said.

Although he was "born" on November 8, 1922, Vic was not officially named until September 22, 1984. The Athletic Department held a contest to name the mascot known only as the Demon. A weekend at the Louisiana State Fair Classic was the prize for giving a moniker to the nameless hellion. After over 300 submissions, the winner was alum Ray Carney, who named the demon Vic, short for Victory.

-Erick Chelette



In 1965, Vic was known only as "The Demon."

In 1979, Vic sported massive horns during NSU's 95th anniversary.

In 1985, Vic finally received his name after a campus-wide contest. Vic became short for Victory.

In 1995, Vic was present around campus. He even sang the National Anthem with Angela Hennigan before a football game.

In 2008, Vic was absent throughout the season, but appeared for the last home game of the season against McNeese State University.



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While beginning their journey at Normal State College, students were placed in classes where they decided on a class motto, song, crest and more. Women stayed in one of the six dormitories, housing a total of 500 women, while the men stayed with private families in town.



"To paint in hallowed memory the scenes of our college days on the Hill, to instill a deeper reverence for the friendships molded in our associations with those who always will remain near and dear to us, and to bind all connected with our Alma Mater in a closer bond of eternal love and fellowship, these are the purposes and aims of this, the 1932 volume of the Potpourri."



February 4, 1965, Northwestern State College complied with the court order issued by Federal Judge Gordon West in Baton Rouge to integrate the campus. That Friday, six black undergraduates and one black graduate student began their first semester at Northwestern.



"We must not only strive for excellence; we must achieve it with integrity. The process of achievement must be one that we can take pride in. It must be able to withstand the most minute scrutiny and emerge as being ethically and morally sound and without the slightest blemish of suspicion. As we achieve our goals, we and others must be able to take pride not only in our excellence, but also in the process of its attainment."

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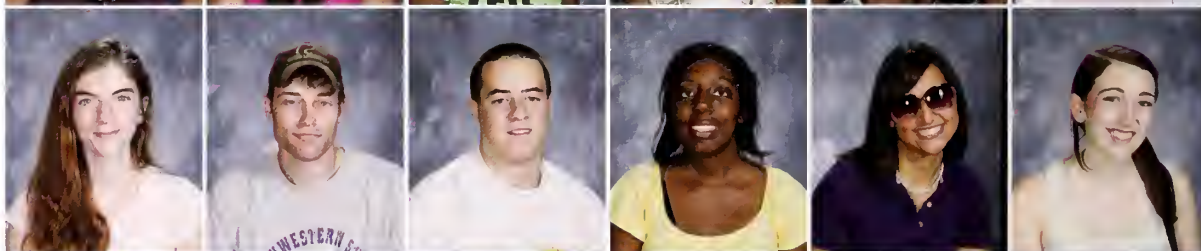
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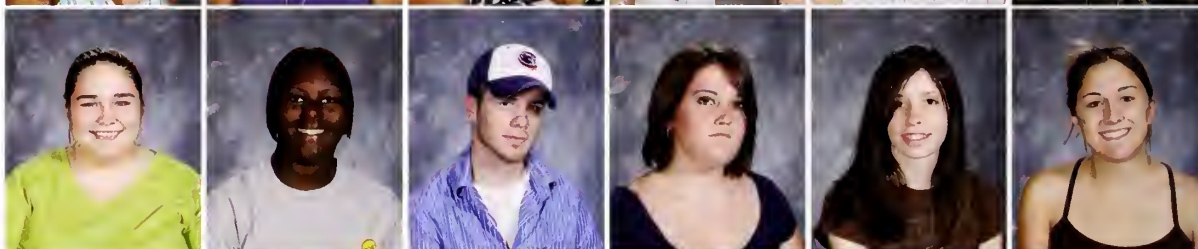
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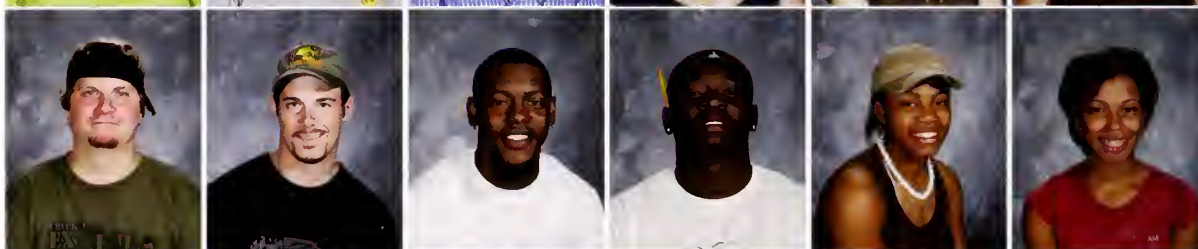
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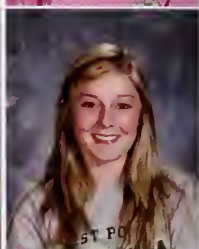
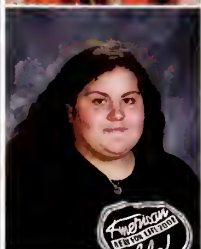
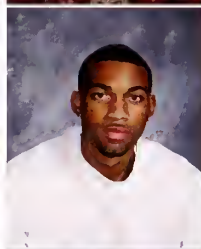
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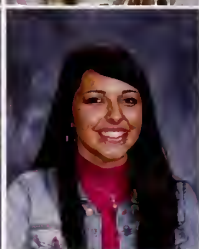
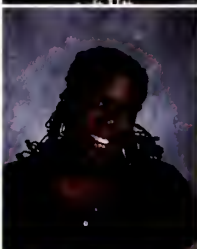
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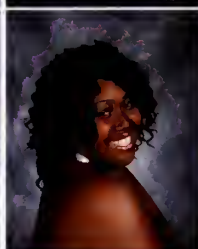
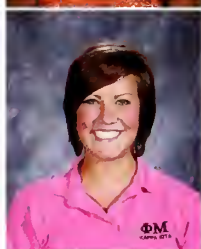
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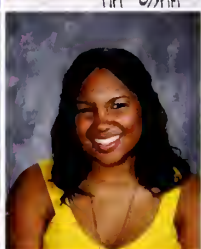
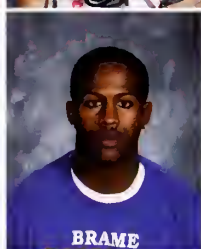
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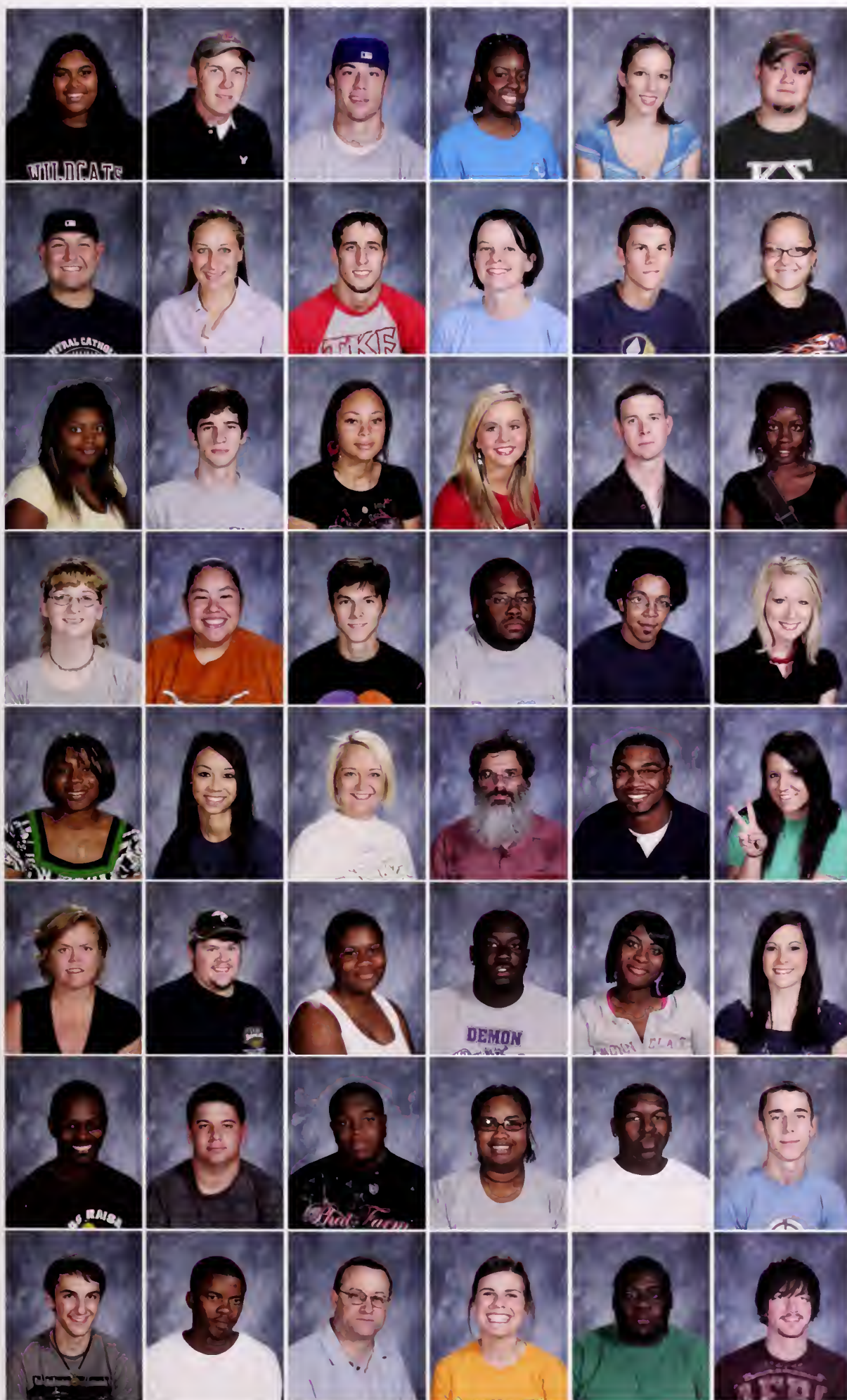


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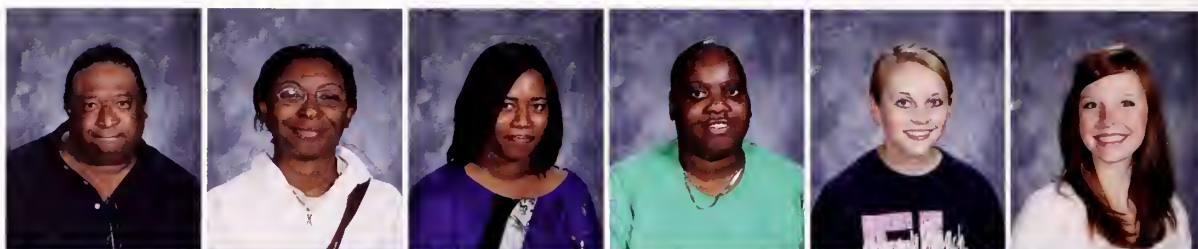
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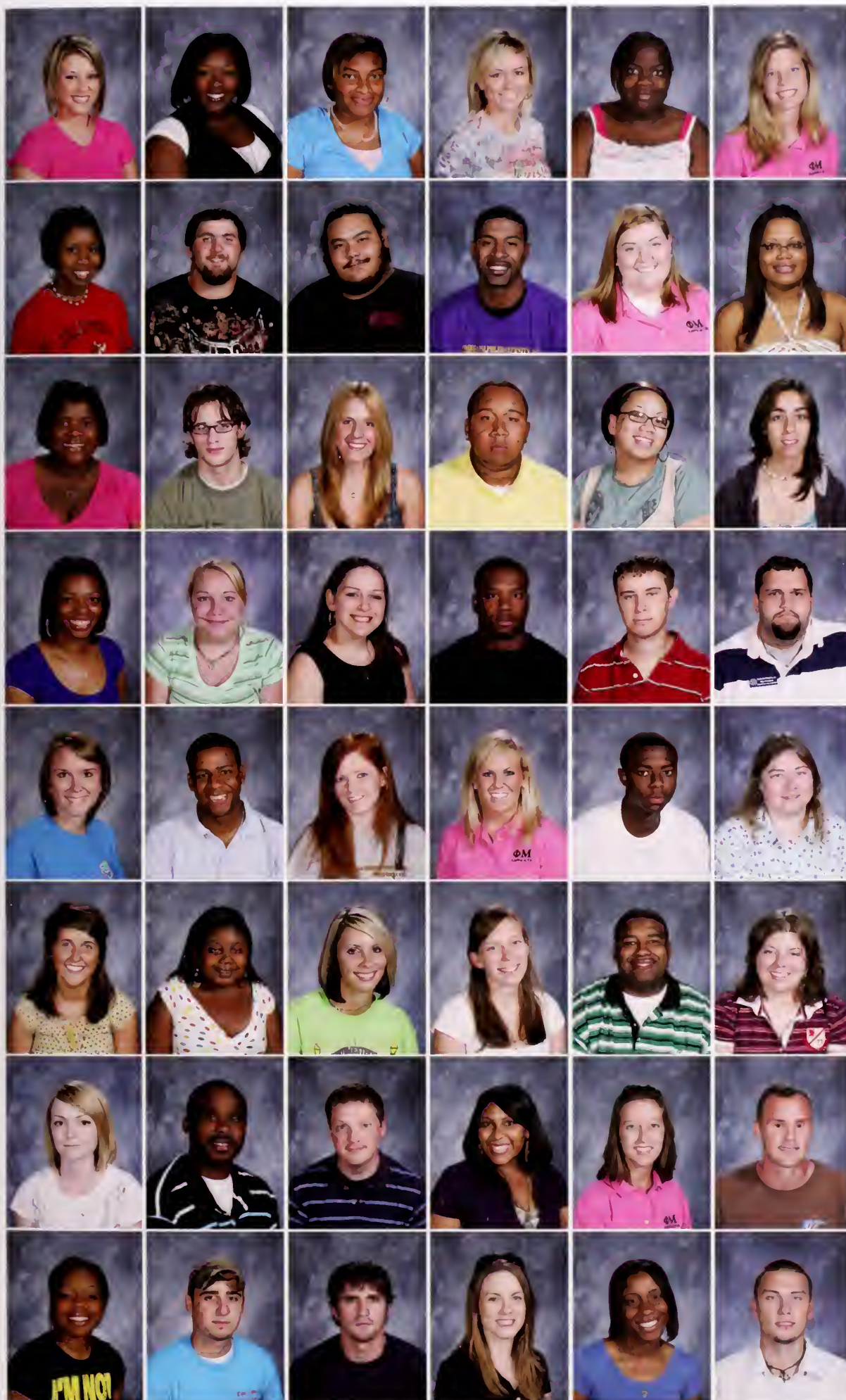


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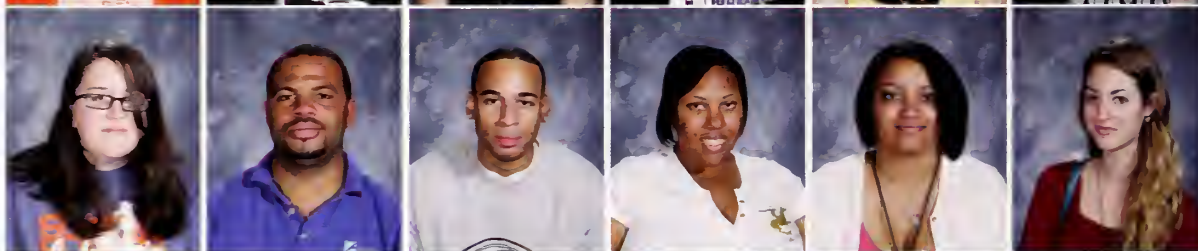
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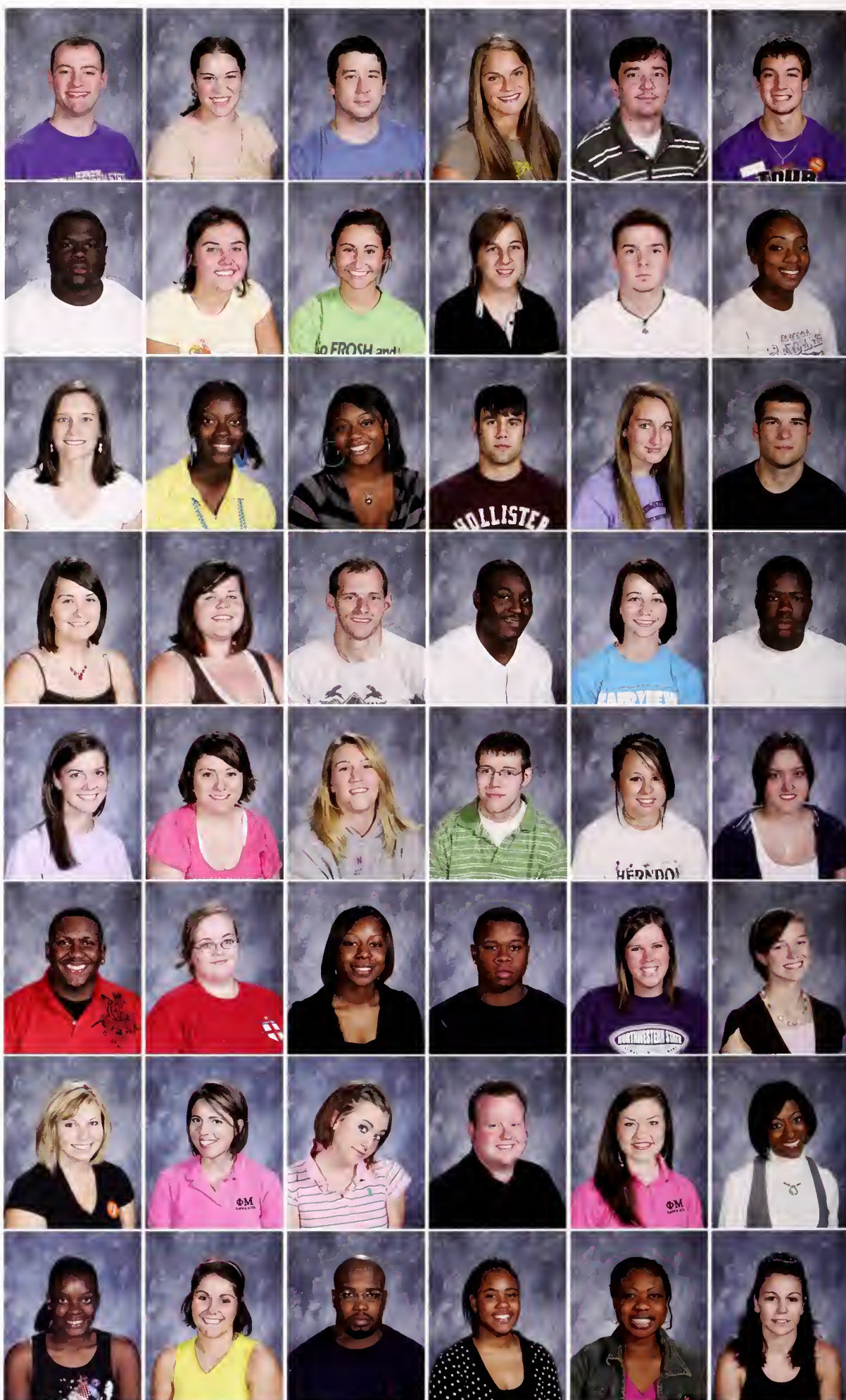
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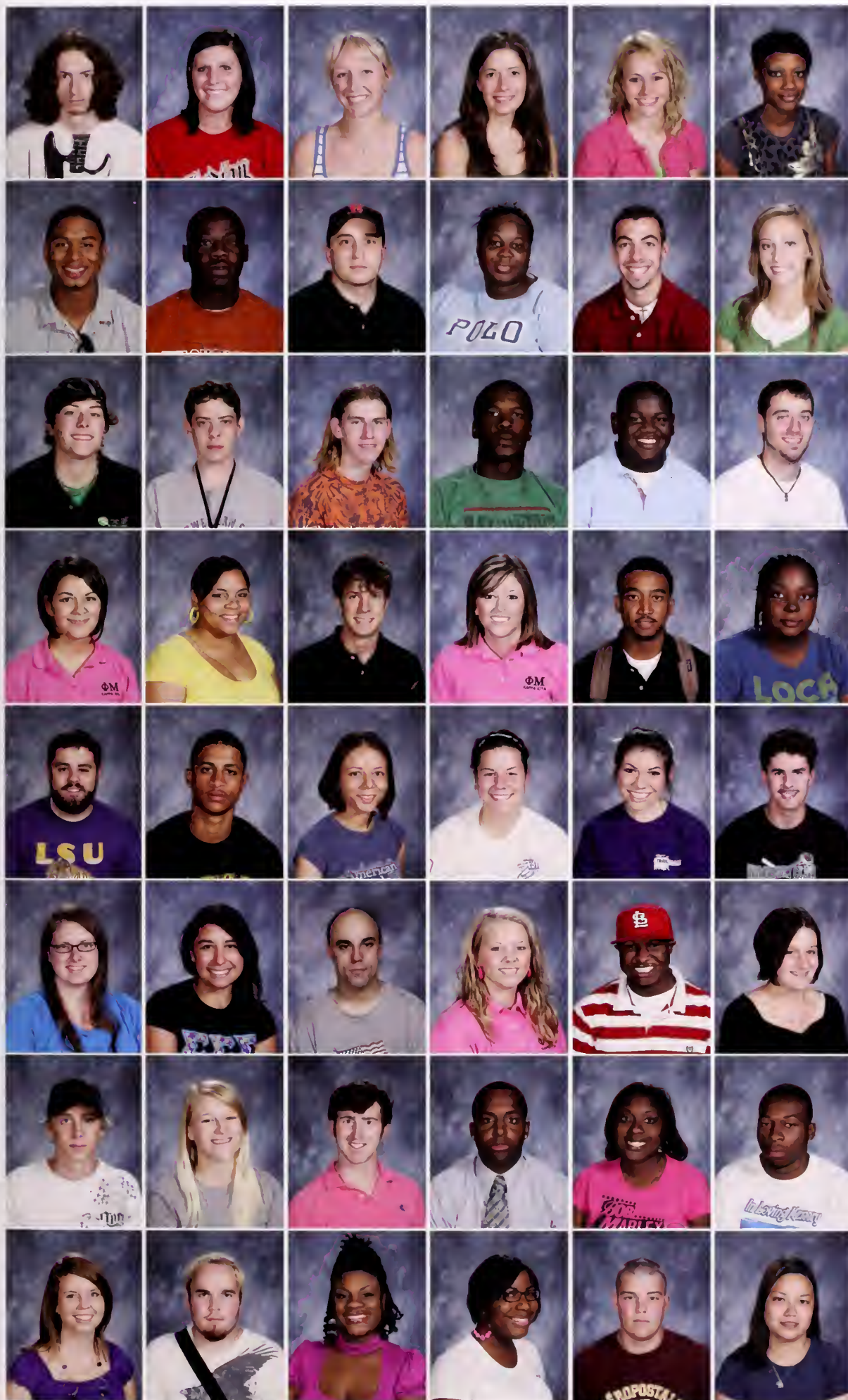
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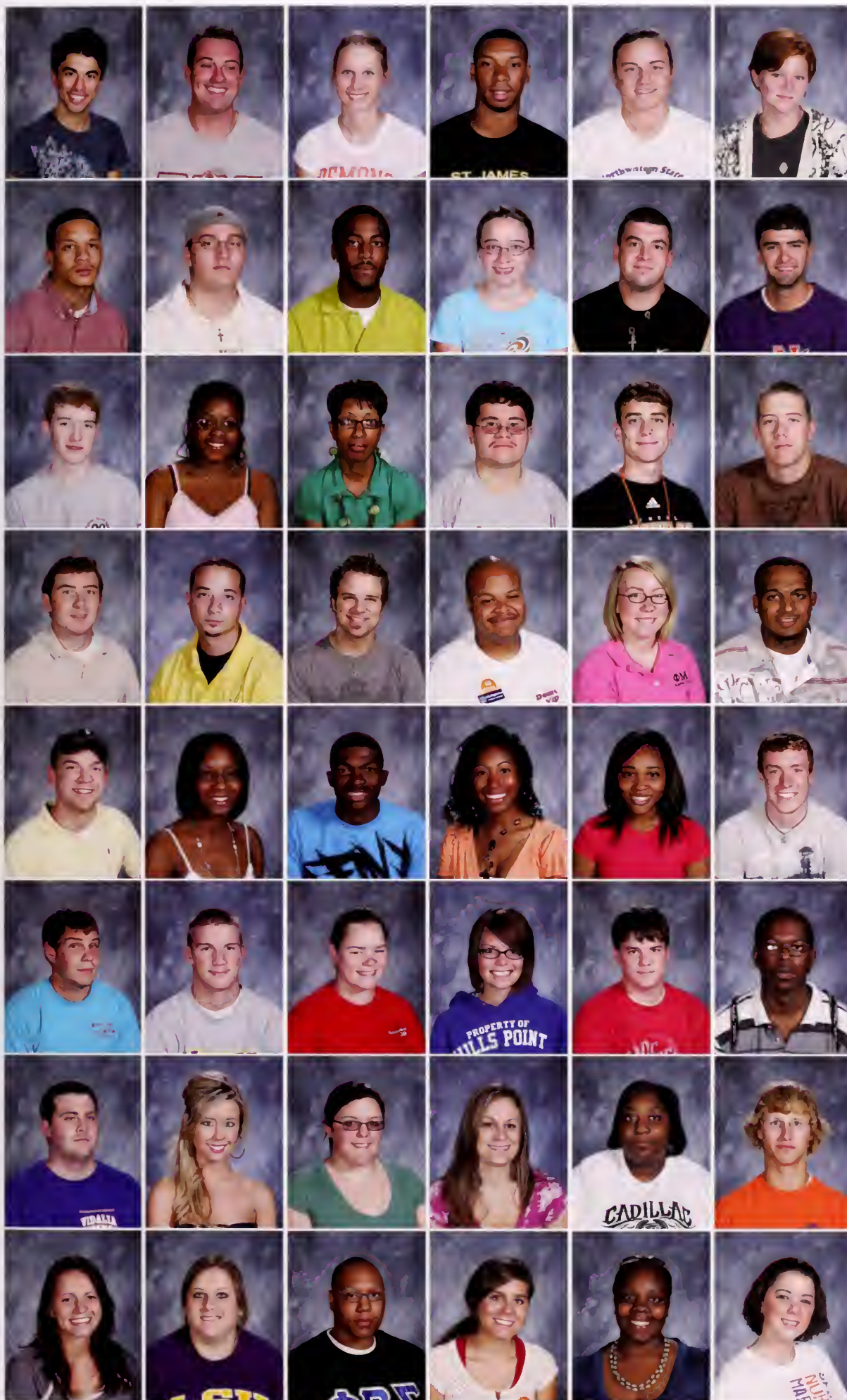


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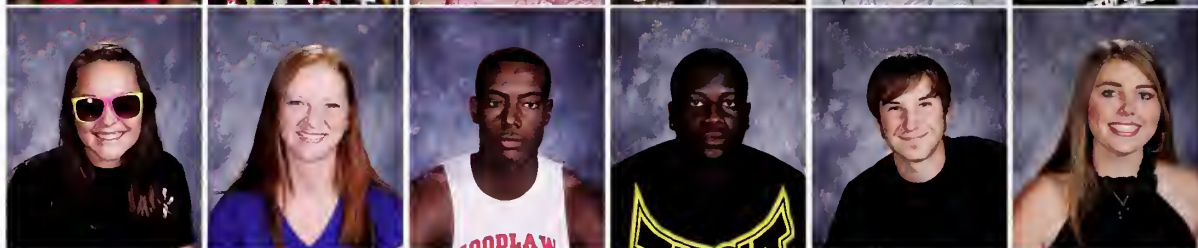
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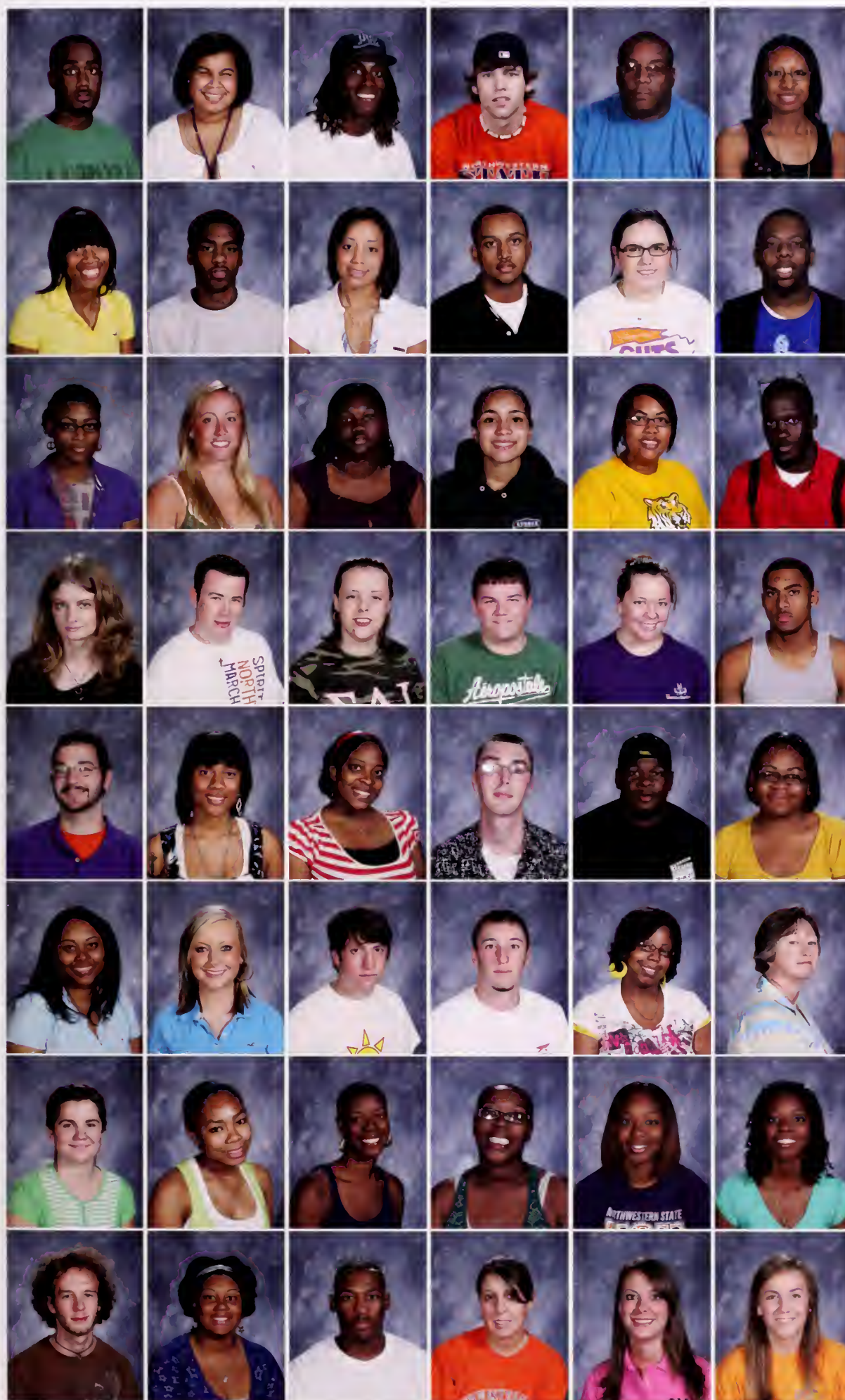


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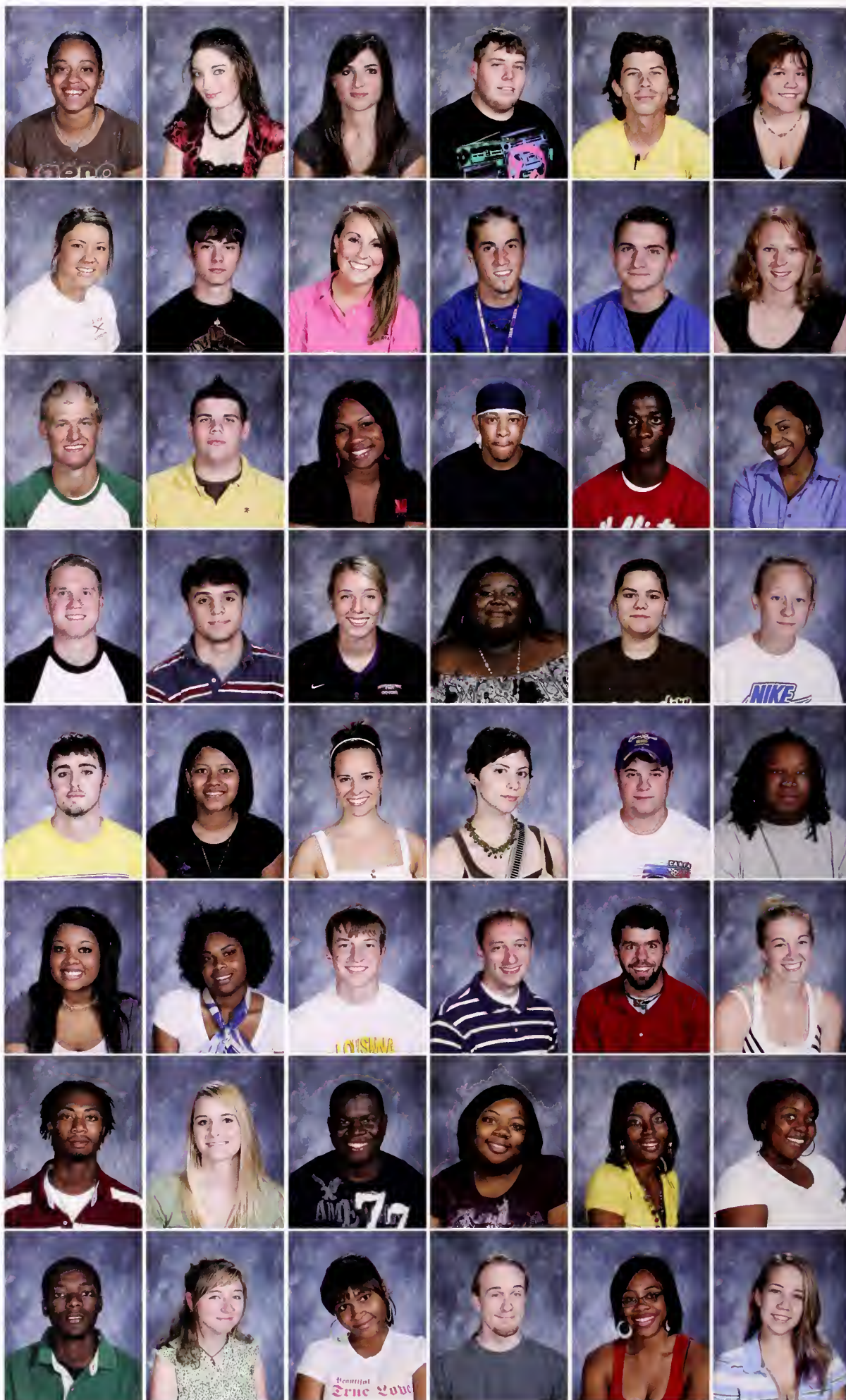
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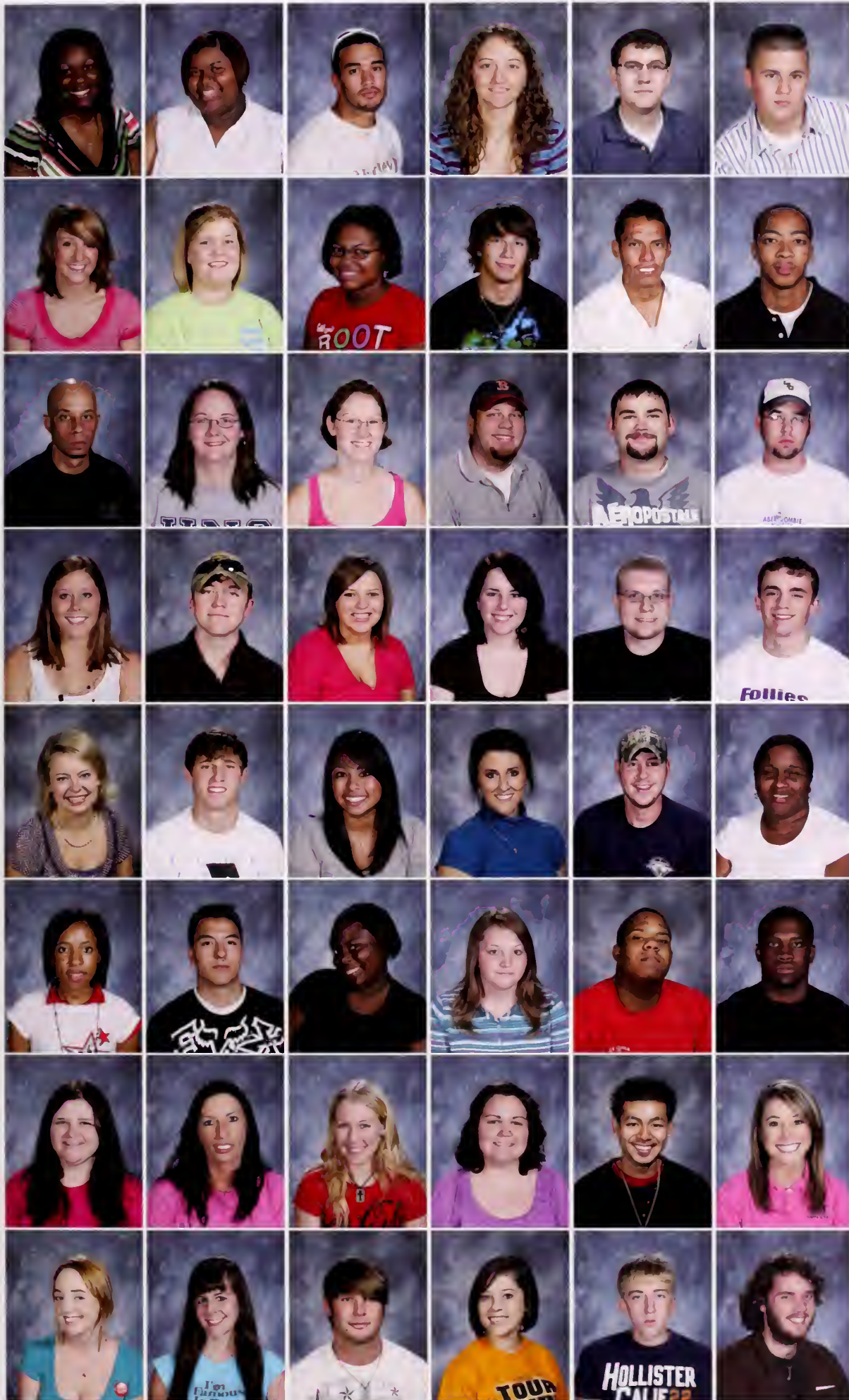
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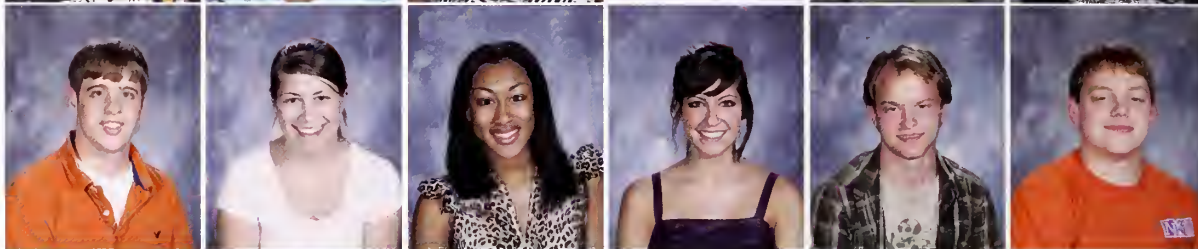
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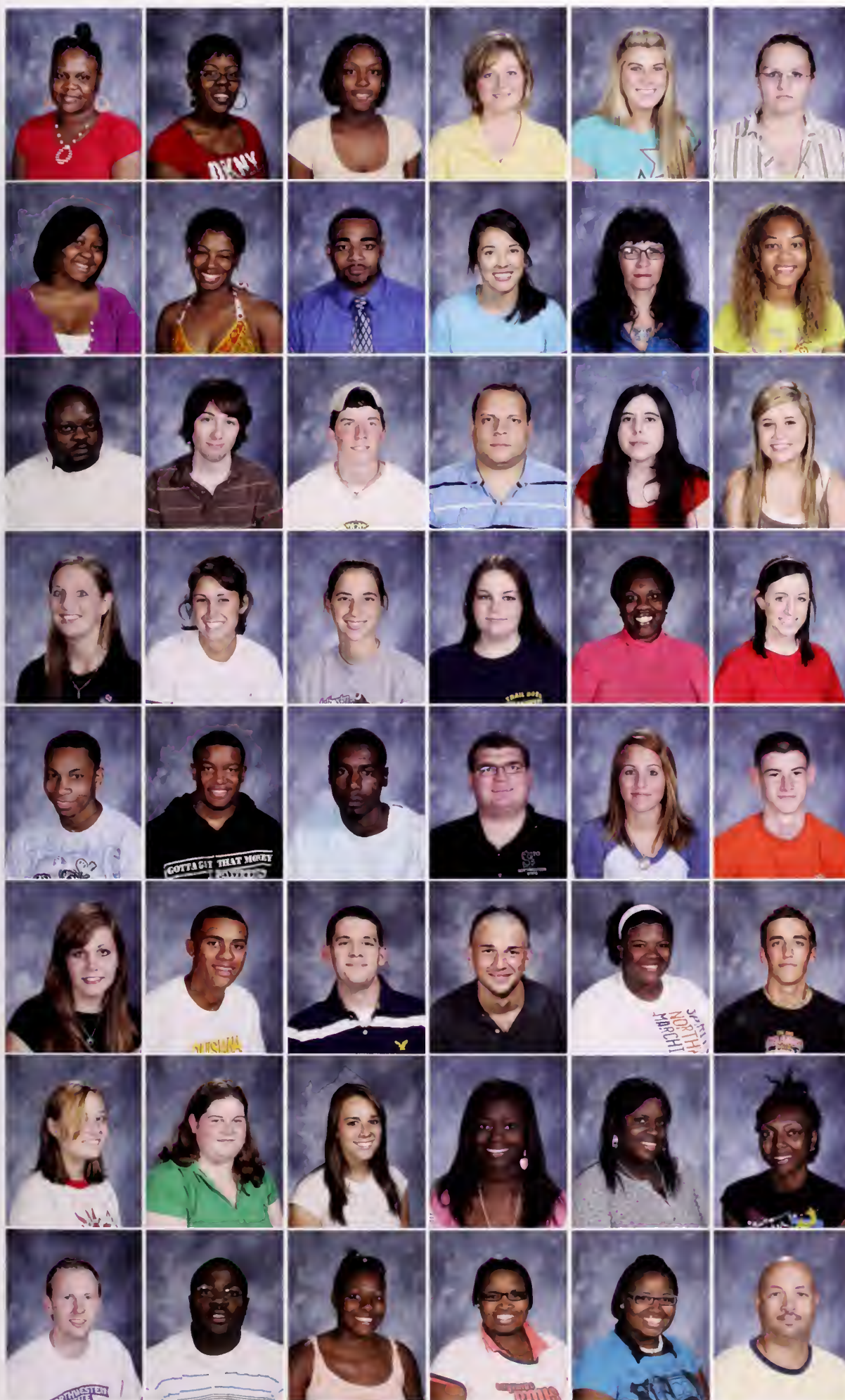


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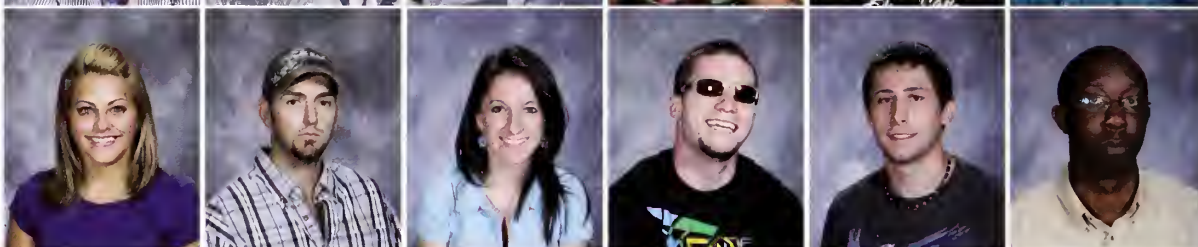
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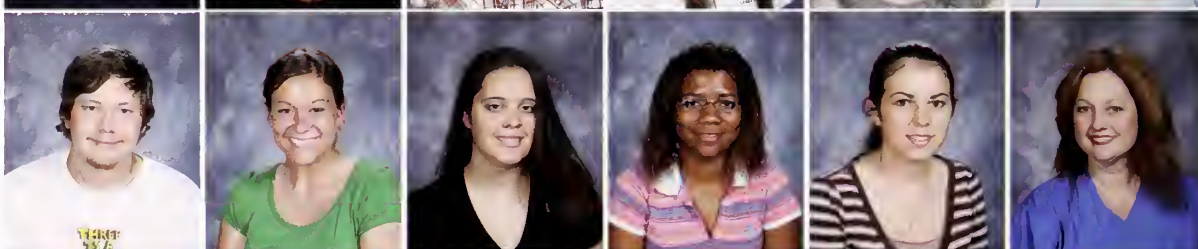
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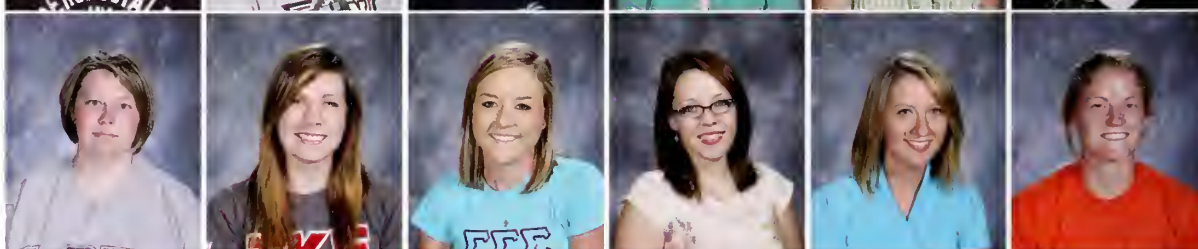
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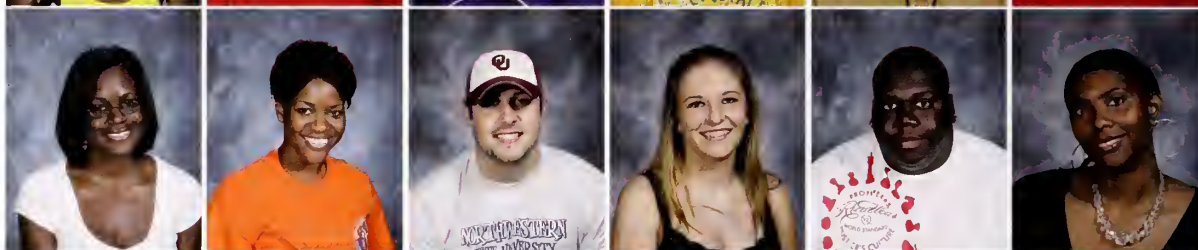
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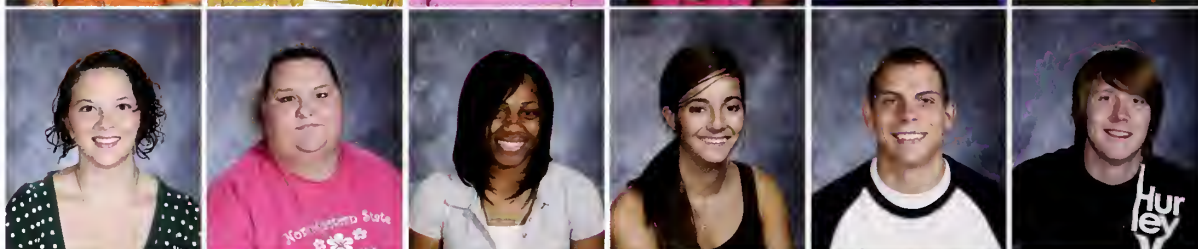
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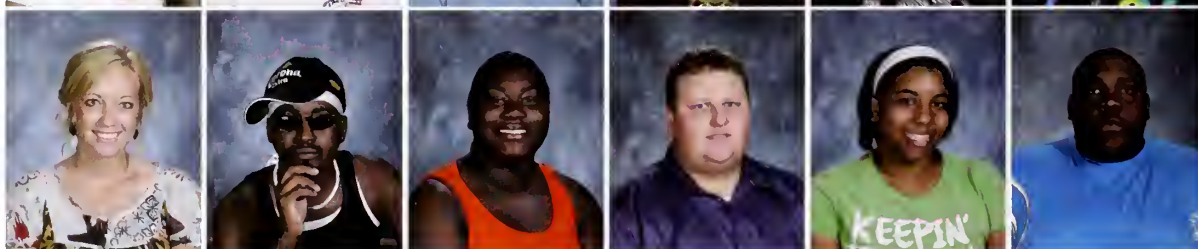
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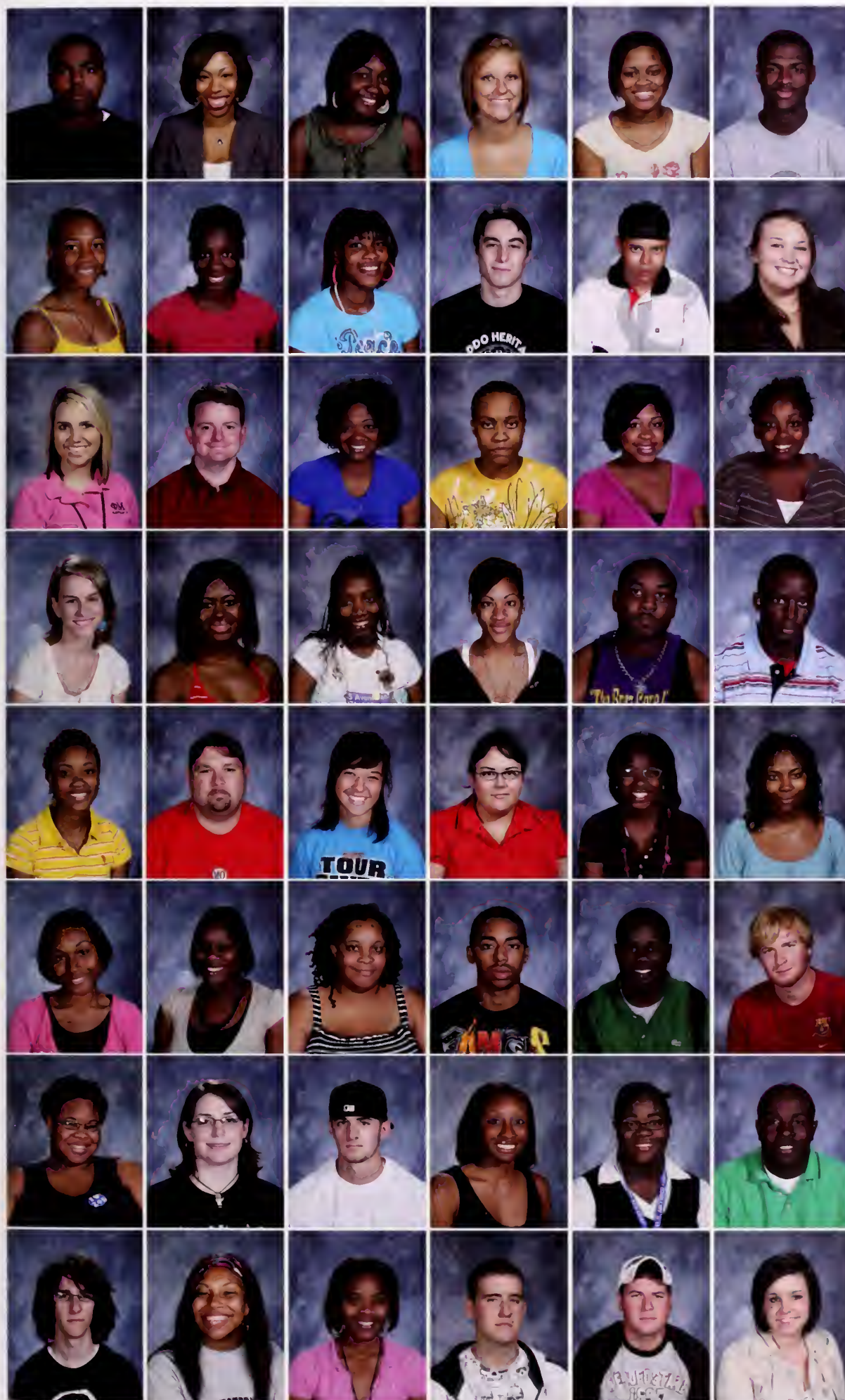


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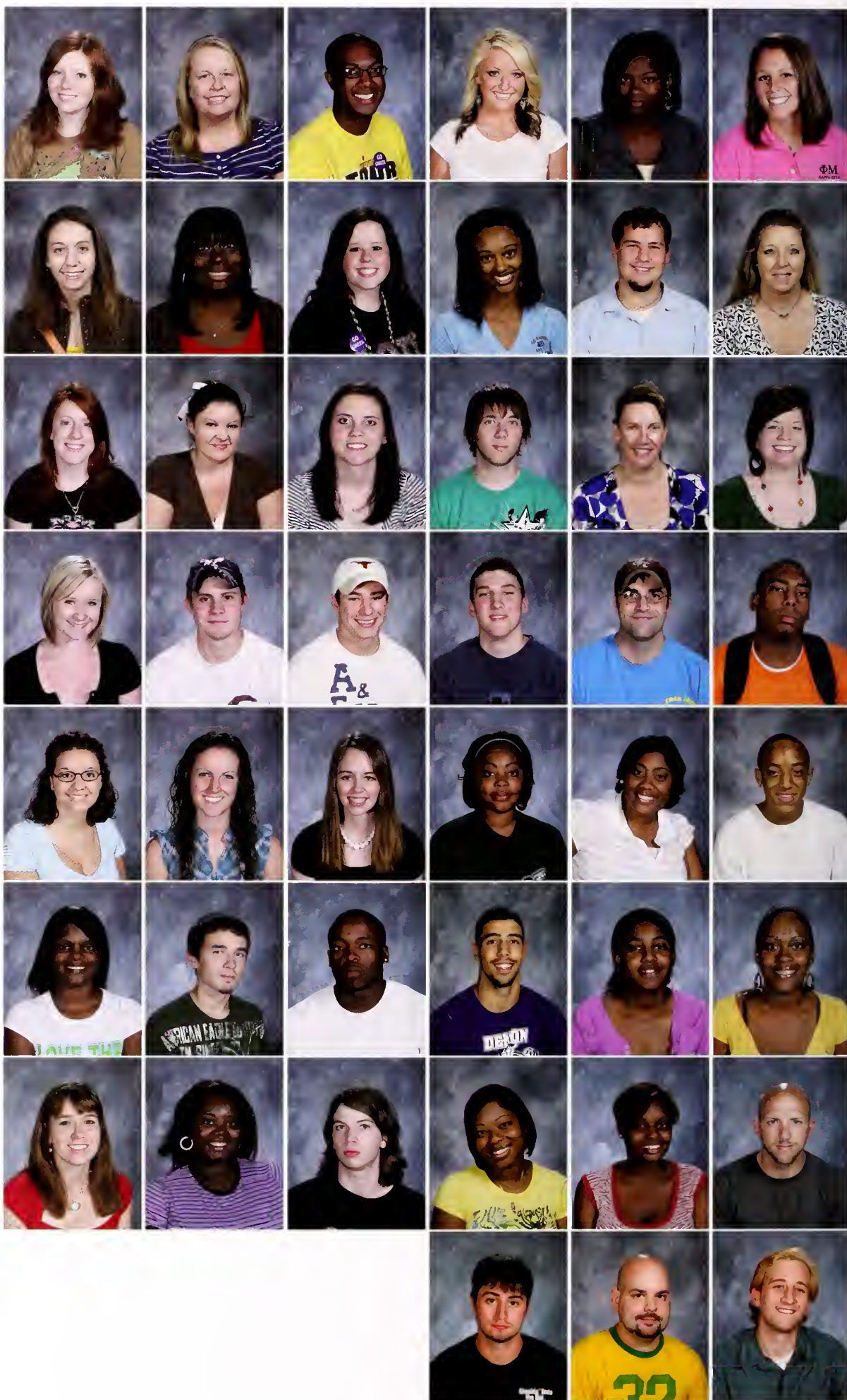
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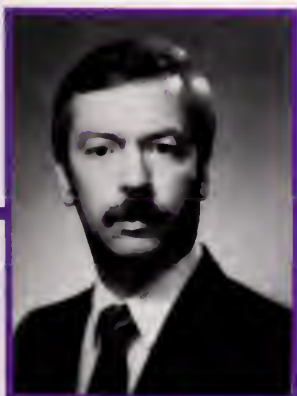
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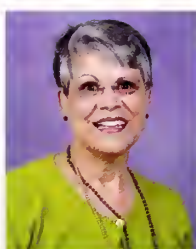


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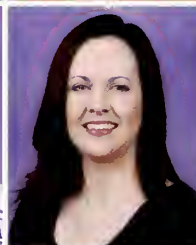
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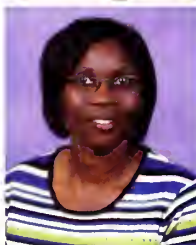
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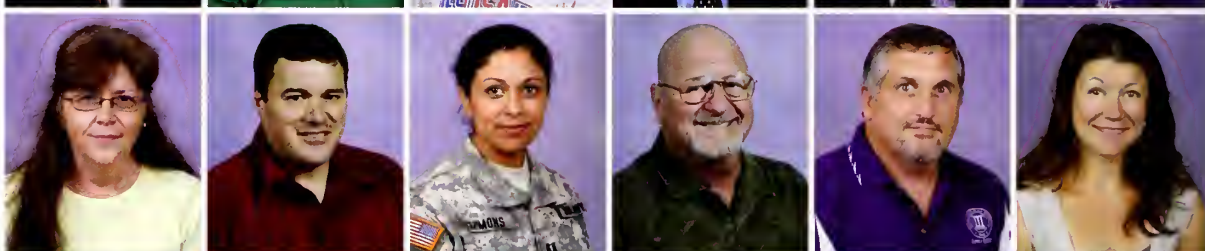
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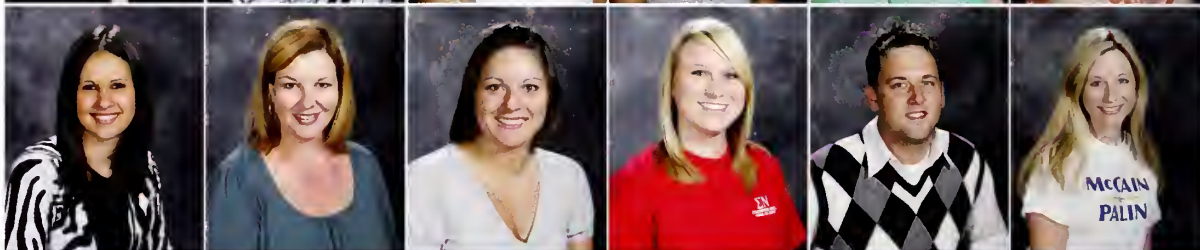
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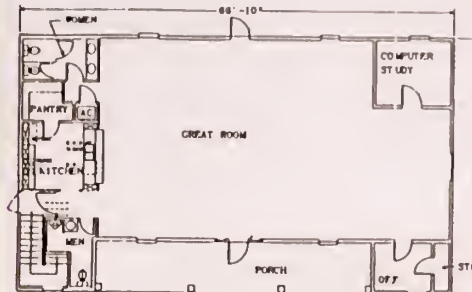
The Klu Klux Klan, established in 1902, was one of the first sororities in the 1909 Potpourri along with Witches, Yum Yum, Alpha Zeta, Mephistas and La Chats Noirs. Other organizations included Seekers after Knowledge, Eclectic Literary Society, Modern Culture Club, Apollonian Club, Glee Club, Devotional Circle, Apostleship of Prayer, King's Daughters and YMCA.



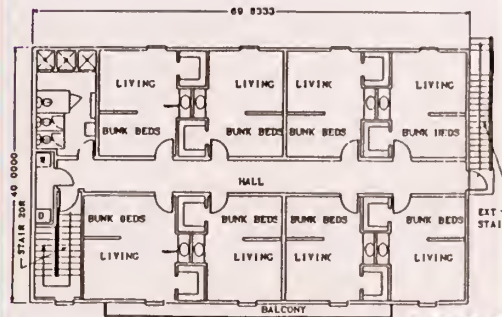
In February 1928, the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma, the first sorority on campus with a national affiliation, received its charter.



FRONT ELEVATION



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1988



Once comprising only 20 members in 1913, the Northwestern Symphony Orchestra grew into a 39-musician community organization with members from elementary, high school and college. Performing about six concerts a year, it was the orchestra's purpose to contribute classical and semi-classical music.

After their house burned down in 1986, then located on Second Street in the place of Mighty Max Hot Dogs, Kappa Sigma was to be the first house on Chaplin's Lake's Greek Row. They broke ground January 1988 using the \$90,000 of insurance money from the fire to pay the house note and then finance the new house. Until this year, Kappa Sigma had the only house on the hill. In February, Phi Mu Sorority broke ground to build their house next door to Kappa Sigma.

organizations



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Alpha Phi Alpha

35 years and going strong

The evolution of man was not an easy task. It took hard work and dedication, and that is what the brothers of the Theta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha strive for.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first black Greek letter organization, was founded at Cornell University, December 4, 1906, by seven men.

The Theta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha was chartered on campus in 1973. Their objective is community service.

They began the year cleaning Martin Luther King Street, working the March of Dimes and working with Voteless People is a Hopeless People, ultimately getting 80 people registered to vote in the presidential election.

"Each member stays busy by participating in Project Alpha, visiting high school and colleges, Big

Brothers Program, volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club as mentors, and many other small philanthropies," Stephen Llorens, graphic design major, said.

Every fall the fraternity puts on a Black and Gold Pageant, awarding a scholarship to the winner, and in the spring has its annual "Golden Explosion" Greek show.

"Even next year we plan to continue our service projects and continue to hold up the light," Randy Collins, culinary arts major, said.

This year they celebrated their 35th anniversary with their alumni during Homecoming, followed by a barbecue and a dinner banquet with the founding members of the Theta Chi chapter.

- Tori Ladd



photo by Ashley Hayes

(Front Row) Hosim Jones, Stephen Llorens, Olooluoqposi Oshinowo, Remus Jones (Back Row) Brondon Wheatley, Kendoll Vinning, Keven Brooks, Jeremy Evons, Deonte Turner, Joseph Gipson

Kappa Alpha Psi

mixing the old with the new

Children are the future. The elderly are the key to the past.

With this in mind, the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi fulfill their mission that focuses on providing support for members and others in service to communities.

The brothers in this social fraternity are active with three philanthropies: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Boys and Girls Club and Guide Right, a big brother program. Each year, they try to earn at least \$500 for St. Jude's.

The brothers also take on an active role with Heritage Manor, a Natchitoches nursing home, and help with bingo night.

"(We are able to) take the place of the person they are used to," President Kevin Robertson Jr., junior business administration major, said.

The brothers also work with the Boys and Girls Club tutoring children four days a week.

"It's a blast! My favorite project," Robertson said. "We get the opportunity to inspire kids."

Children have a tendency to jump off subject, but

when they do, they ask questions and doors are open to discuss so many other subjects, Robertson said.

To interest high school students in becoming a brother of Kappa Alpha Psi, the brothers participate with Kappa League.

They also want a more prominent campus role and increased campus involvement.

They hosted a Cater to You Night, where they provided entertainment and food for women on campus.

They also do a highway clean up and provide awareness meetings for various subjects throughout the semester.

Kappa Alpha Psi always strives for the best, Vice President Phillip Jeon-Louis Jr., senior psychology major, said.

"Never settle for anything," Jeon-Louis said. "We go the extra mile as a Kappa. We always strive for top notch, nothing overage."

-Bethany Fronk



photo by Danielle Kenny

Omega Psi Phi

where the dogs are

Sons of blood and thunder, the bruhz, que dogs-- what's in a name?

The members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. are called by many names, but it's the fraternity's name that matters most.

Founded at Howard University in 1911 and chartered at NSU in 1972, Omega Psi Phi is derived from the Greek phrase "friendship is essential to soul," the fraternity's motto.

"Omega Psi Phi takes all the best characteristics in you and concentrates them and prepares you for the real world after graduation," Keeper of Records and Seals Dywaine Robinson, senior CIS and business administration major, said.

The fraternity participates in community service projects like achievement week celebrated in November to recognize local and international individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to improving the quality of life for blacks, voter registration, a talent hunt and a scholarship program for high school students.

On campus the organization hosts "Que Talk" and a flag football tournament.

The fraternity has five members on campus. To join, a young man must have a 2.5 GPA and possess the four cardinal principles: manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

Hardworking, a servant, a leader, a teacher and a motivator is what it means to be an Omega Robinson said.

"Ever since I was little I knew about the bruhz and wanted to be a part (of the fraternity)," Robinson said.

-Trecey Rew

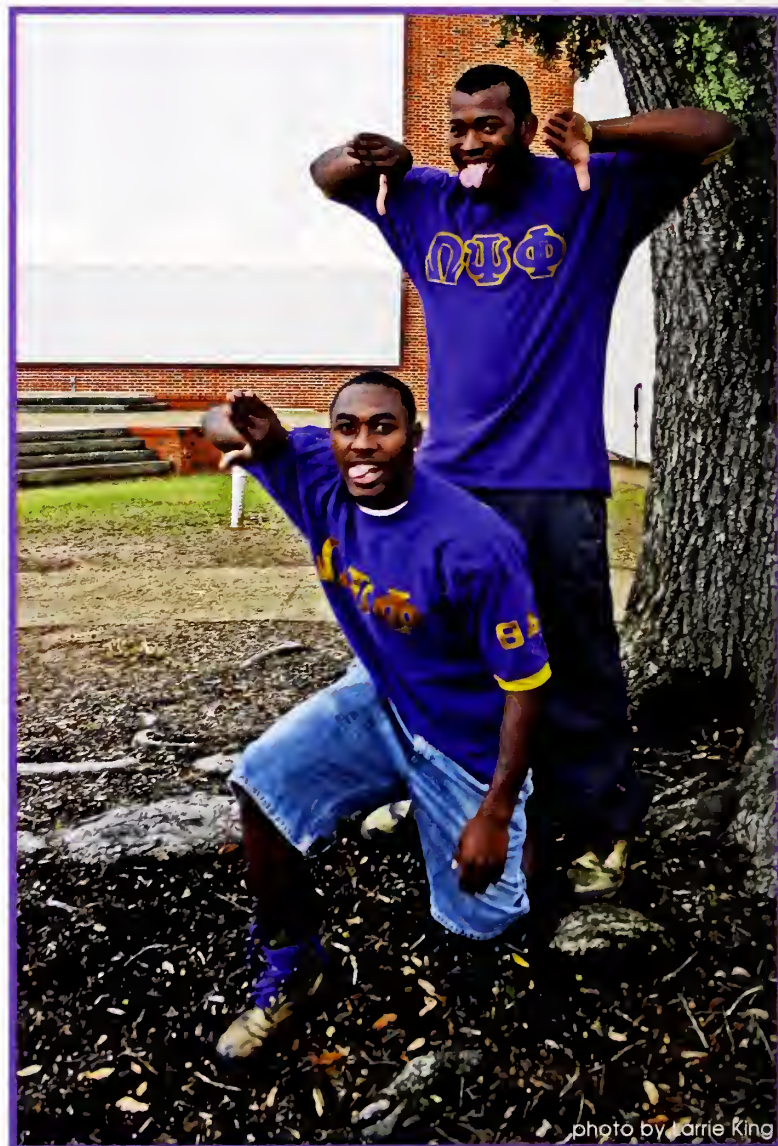


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Dywaine Robinson, Kasey Brown



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Delta Sigma Theta

steps to sisterhood

The ladies of crimson and cream, the divas on the yard; they are the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

"Delta Sigma Theta is a public service organization and was founded on Jan. 13, 1913, at Howard University by 22 illustrious women," Historian Milzakiya Wilson, senior business administration major, said.

Since 1913, Delta Sigma Theta has established over 900 chapters, including international chapters in Korea, Africa and Japan.

NSU's 18-member Iota Mu chapter members work on major programs with a five-point thrust: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement.

"Our yearly events include our annual Peppermint Social, where we discuss different controversial topics directly related to women in general," Corresponding Secretary Gretchen Beverly, senior psychology major, said.

The 3D, which means Delta's deep discussion,

covered topics related to the organization's five-point thrust. The members promote political awareness and involvement by doing yearly voter's registration.

Members work with two philanthropies: Habitat for Humanity and the American Cancer Society. The sorority organizes events for breast cancer awareness to support the American Cancer Society.

The Iota Mu Chapter actively participates in Delta G.E.M.S., a mentor program for young girls in the community. They also mentor at the Natchitoches Girl's Home and volunteer at nursing homes, assisting in different activities.

They host an annual poetry night and the Delta's Gentleman's Pageant, where the winner is awarded a scholarship.

"The Iota Mu Chapter of Delta is committed to promoting sisterhood and scholarly growth at all costs," Beverly said. "It is not only a privilege, but a true blessing to be a part of this chapter of Delta Sigma Theta."

-Nikki Reynolds



photo by Larrie King

(In Alphabetical Order) Danielle Apuga, Gretchen Beverly, Jame Brawn, Jamie Carter, Akilah Givens, Elisha Houston, Lauren Hughes, Maryann Mbaka, Asya Mitchem, Erica O'Neal, Milzakiya Wilson, Octavius Youngblood

Phi Beta Sigma

culture for service and service for humanity

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., came together to make a difference while spreading the word of goodwill and brotherhood to the NSU community.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 9, 1914, at Howard University in Washington, D. C., by three black males: A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown. The organization was founded on scholarship, service and the union of brotherhood.

The founding fathers' objectives were for all members to be a part of the community, be judged by his own merits versus vain appearances and to deliver service to the community. With these ingredients, they created the fraternity's motto, "Culture For Service and Service for Humanity."

Today the fraternity is international and has established the Phi Beta Sigma Educational Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Housing Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and the Phi Beta Sigma Charitable Outreach Foundation, all targeted to surrounding communities.

NSU's Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma has been present on campus since 1973 and continues providing

the campus community with their skills and scholarship services.

"I feel that Phi Beta Sigma is the best fraternity that I could have ever joined because it opened my eyes to a whole new world and taught me the meaning of hard work and dedication, and showed that when people come together to achieve a goal anything can be accomplished," President David Holmes, general studies and business major, said.

Every fall semester the brothers host an annual all-greek basketball game, designed to promote greek unity between Panhellenic Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations.

In the spring they raised money for the March of Dimes. As a part of the Adopt A Road Project, the Zeta Iota chapter cleaned Kyser Avenue the first Saturday of every month.

Zeta Iota has been productive to NSU over the years and continues to uphold their chapter motto, "Quality over Quantity."

- Tori Ladd



photo by Danielle Kenny

Dudley Guice, Jr. Demetrius Payne, Randy Freeman, Jr. David Holmes, Louis Dennis III, Chris Preston

Zeta Phi Beta

sisterly love

Only one Greek sorority on campus has a nationally recognized brother fraternity in the National Pan-Hellenic Council. This distinction belongs to the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta and the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma.

"You do have sororities that claim fraternities as brother and sister, but we are the only brother and sister fraternity and sorority recognized under our constitutions and on a national level," publicist Vodeisha Williams said.

The sisters continue the traditions established in 1920 at Howard State University of scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood since their NSU charter in spring 1974.

There are 12 women active at NSU.

"We believe in quality over quantity," President Anesha Robertson said.

Their yearly activities include an annual Greek Show and volunteering at the Stork's Nest, which

promotes healthy pregnancies for low-income families.

Planning for these activities and future events took place at bi-monthly sorority meetings.

The sorority held an open informational for interested women, not limited to one ethnic group; the informational was open to any woman who believes she exhibited the founding principles of Zeta Phi Beta.

Zeta Phi Beta, along with its brother fraternity, exudes the meaning of sisterly and brotherly love. They even share their colors: royal blue and pure white.

"I don't know how other people perceive Greek life, but I think everyone should experience something great to be involved in," Secretary Annetria Robertson said. "I strongly encourage women to look into Zeta Phi Beta."

-Kayla Wagner



photo by Danielle Kenny

(Front Row) Dedra Brawn, Anesha Robertson, Vodeisha Williams (Back Row) Ariane Margan, Rakeya Walker, Annetria Robertson, Krystle Frazier, Stacey Douglas

Alpha Omicron Pi

making the 'red' choice

Passion, represented by cardinal red, defines the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity.

Since its founding in 1997 as the "centennial chapter" for the international fraternity, the Jacqueminot Rose, chosen as the official flower for its deep red color, has exemplified their spirit. While their flower may be rare to find at the local florist, members of the organization are frequently seen participating in campus life and interacting with other student organizations.

Social exchanges with fraternities like "Pi Wars" with Pi Kappa Phi, where the food combinations are thrown at each other in the name of good fun, is one of their many activities. Their annual spring Rose Ball formal presents members who joined the organization in the past year and showcases their sisters by awarding them with various honors for scholarship and leadership.

By living out their mission statement, "women enriched through lifelong friendship," Alpha Omicron Pi has had a rich history at NSU from the chapter room to the Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant. This commitment can

be seen in the work they do around the community also.

"A O Pi has taught me to put others before myself," Miss Lady of the Bracelet 2008 Mandi Ridgdell, Alpha Omicron Pi alumna, said. "I love the smile people get on their face when you just show that you care."

Aside from assisting with their international philanthropy, which raises funds and awareness for arthritis research, the sisters volunteer monthly at the Boys and Girls Club of El Camino. There they tutor, cook and play games with the children. The times spent with the children are etched deeply in their memories.

"One of my most rewarding experiences in college was tutoring Jasmine, who was about 6 years old, in English," Lauren Michel, senior liberal arts major, said. "After we went over some of her work, we played Connect Four and Candy Land. I can't wait to see her again."

Jasmine beat Michel in Connect Four...she chose the red checkers.

-Cody Bourque



(Front Row) Amber Williams, Nichole Rogerson, Jessico Block, Holli Hickman, Soroh Wells, Amy Fox, Robin Rice, Addie Winegort (Second Row) Chloe Derouen, Brigitte Guzarri, Sydney Keller, Taro McCullough, Liso Cox, Ashlee Jefferson (Third Row) Ashley Rogers, Rebekah Sheets, Bailey Anderson, Sholo Momenpour, Scarlet Heorne, Stephanie Goforth, Robin Barr, Meredith Beckendorf, Courtney Ray

Alpha Sigma Alpha

sharing the luck

The next time a ladybug lands on your wrist, think of the ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority. Chosen for its good luck, Alpha Sigma Alpha's mascot, the ladybug, has continued to bring luck in many forms throughout the sorority's campus years.

When a group of women set out to start a sorority on campus in 2000, they wanted to find a national organization that had been on campus in the past. By chance, they found Alpha Sigma Alpha, which was originally chartered on campus in the 1930s and owned a house where the Friedman Student Union now stands.

Re-chartered in 2001, Alpha Sigma Alpha shared their good fortune to those in need.

"Philanthropy through ASA has instilled in me leadership values and a chance to give back to the

community," President Whitney Rivett, senior health and exercise science major, said.

The sisters participate in Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society along with placing a special emphasis on improving the lives of athletes who participate in Special Olympics.

In the spring, the ladies plan a week-long event, the "Ladybug Olympics," to raise awareness for athletes they adore.

At week's end, athletes are honored with a check by the organization and you can tell the grace of the ladybug has a special effect on them.

"You go out there and hug those people of the wonderful organization," Cassie Cannan said.

-Cady Baurque



photo by Kyle Froeba

(Front Row) Laura Procell, Cassie Cannan, Whitney Rivett, Alicia McDaniel, Krystal Smith, Starmie Moore (Back Row) Megan Vets, Hannah Thomas, Taree Guynes, Melanie Kay, Jessica Maran, Amber Martinez, Hannah Metayer, Shandranika Reynalds, Catherine Mastrasimone, Jade Dupre, Michelle Manuel (Not Pictured) Brittini Mendaza, Heather Jacobson, Cassandra Basca, Michaela Burns



Phi Mu

pink ladies

Phi Mu is the place for any woman looking to become involved in a sisterhood focused on learning and the community.

"Phi Mu is dedicated to service, sisterhood and life long learning," Rachel McCalister, junior secondary education major, said.

The sorority got involved around the community with Operation Christmas Child, DOVES, Women's Resource Center, the Boys and Girls Club, and Children's Miracle Network. They also supported the historic district by volunteering to work at festivals and events downtown.

Phi Mu raised \$200 for the Children's Miracle Network through a basket auction and bake sale.

The sisterhood in Phi Mu is as strong as any blood sisterhood, the members said.

"I know if I have a problem I have 85 people I can count on," Brooke Nielsen, freshman family and consumer science major, said.

Becoming a Phi Mu sister means being held to

a high standard and entering into the National Phi Mu Foundation. These two aspects help Phi Mu sisters after they graduate college.

"Phi Mu helps prepare you for the real world in the sense of holding you accountable," McCalister said.

Each month Phi Mu has an assortment of educational programs for its members which vary from make-up techniques to balancing a checkbook to interview tips.

The Phi Mu Foundation also sent someone to teach the girls about the affects of alcohol.

Along with service and learning, Phi Mu sisters have fun with semi-formals, Big Sis Revelation and Country Club parties.

Phi Mu has been involved since 1968 and hopes to stay involved for years to come.

"We hope to still be here for the next 125 years," McCalister said.

-Taylor Graves



(Front Row) Caitlin Cunningham, Jennifer Guthrie, Alisan Guidry, Krystal Simmans, Megan Cullen, Tani Menard, Heather Maddax, Tiffany Fashee, Mamie Mases, Rabin Haydel, Meredith Richard, Jessi Nuss, Hally Delany **(Second Row)** Dawn Meek, Meagan Candiatta, Casey Matthews, Renee' Scallan, Kirby Jahnsan, Lynda Hammett, Marissa Guidry, Rachel McCalister, Melissa Danese, Megan Rabalais, Andi Finimore, Allisan Landry, Ruth Wisher **(Third Row)** Brooke Nielsen, Madisan Wakefield, Erin Kelly, Haley Higginbotham, Laura Whitehead, Reagan Burke, Lauren Lupa, Amanda Crasby, Megan Davis, Denise Mabile, Meagan Vassuer, Megan Berthelat, Mary Escott, Kaycie Clark, Brittany Neely, Jadie Williams, Ashlynn Adrain, Erin Shacklee, Whitney Wilson, Alyssa Porrier, Emily Frederick, Tiffany Faz, Kayla Fard **(Fourth Row)** Jessica Edwards, Nicole Dauzat, Astin Waadard, Ravin Caake, Alexandra Moreland, Laken Lewis, Sarah Galla, Katie Rackwell, BethAnn Pryar, Ashley Nielsen, Kara Johnson, Dasha Orebeaux, Courtney Espenan, Mally Harris, Samantha De-witt, Kayla Pacheca, Brittany Pippin, Samantha Baker, Alexandra Viscanti

Sigma Sigma Sigma

award-winning women

Ladies who want to join an organization founded on a womanly character find a home with Sigma Sigma Sigma. The sisters, who vary in majors, interests and school activities, embody the goals of the sisterhood.

"We try to pick girls that will contribute to the chapter, campus, and community," Kayla Pitcher, business administration and CIS major, said. "All the different members make the chapter unique and special."

In the spring, Sigma Sigma Sigma received the national honors of Outstanding Recruitment and Outstanding Senior of the Area.

Danielle Seal received the Outstanding Senior of the Area for being the best Sigma Sigma Sigma in the district who embodied the standards and values of the sorority.

Earning a name on campus, the sorority won the Penny War, Strut Competition and Family Feud Night during the spring Greek Week.

The American Woman Lip Sync Performance, Homecoming Honey win and rock star float also made Sigma Sigma Sigma a hit during Homecoming week.

Sigma Sigma Sigma also works with their philanthropy: the Robbie Page Memorial Hospital. Founded because a Sigma Sigma Sigma sister's son died from polio, the hospital focuses on healing children with polio through therapy.

Sigma Sigma Sigma's year was filled with fun and events.

In the fall, along with rush, Sigma Sigma Sigma has big sis/lil sis reveal-where new members meet their big sis, who is supposed to help and mentor them, a harvest-a-traditional dance planned by the new members and family day-where the sisters and their families can band together.

The spring semester was also full of events. Alumni and parents celebrate the national founding day of Sigma Sigma Sigma with the girls at Founder's Day. The sisters also have a full weekend each spring with a crawfish boil one night and formal the next. They finish the year with the Send-On, a time for the entire chapter to say final good-byes to girls leaving the chapter.

Sigma Sigma Sigma is more than service and fundraising. It's a sisterhood the members cannot get any where else.

"It's a network of friends while in college and after graduation," Lindsay Maggio, senior business administration major, said. "It's a shoulder to cry on, and friends to share memories with."

- Taylor Graves



photo by Dontelle Kenny

(Front Row) Haley Chambliss, Carolyn Bernard, Hillary Holley, Lindsay Maggio, Kayla Pitcher, Whitney Mixon, Hotti Jo Vaughn, Nancy Griffin, Lindsey Holt, Jordan McLomare (Back Row) Jenny McElwee, Brooke Humphries, Mary McCawen



Pi Kappa Phi

men of class

For the men of Pi Kappa Phi, class is no ordinary word. Fraternity members pride themselves on the acronym CLASS: character, leadership, academics, sportsmanship and service.

Founded in 1956, NSU's 23-member chapter, had more organizational involvement than any other fraternity on campus, Kyle Domanque, sophomore, said.

"We have students involved in everything," Domanque said.

Members have adopted a philanthropy that supports people with disabilities and performs other campus service activities.

"Our main objective is to raise funds for people with disabilities," Cody Bourque, junior journalism major, said. "Our mission statement is building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today."

The fraternity is tied to "Push America," a program created to educate and provide a hands-on service experience for Pi Kappa Phi members while enhancing the lives of disabled individuals.

The fraternity holds "War of Roses," a week long annual event including wheelchair relays and blind T-ball. The main event is the empathy dinner, however. At the dinner each individual is assigned a disability.

"It really encourages others to see what it is and try to understand what people with disabilities go through every day," Bourque said.

Proceeds go to the Natchitoches Association for Retarded Citizens.

"I am proud of what our fraternity stands for," Kyle Duhon, sophomore, said.

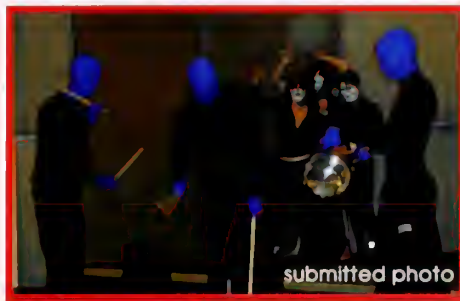
To become part of this organization, the men go through a 12-week program to learn the fraternity's history, mission, philanthropy and goals.

"It was the best thing I ever did," Duhon said.

As their motto states, each member is a, "Man of Class."

-Ashley Millhouse





Theta Chi

where the gentlemen are

Does NSU have any gentlemen on campus?

The 10 members of Theta Chi, would say yes.

Acting as gentlemen for service and commitment to brotherhood is what Theta Chi means, Social Chairman and Marshall Van Erickson said.

The gentlemen of the Eta Omicron chapter have been exhibiting friendship, honor and brotherhood on campus for 35 years. They continue the traditions founded in 1856 at Norwich University in Vermont.

"We are the most diverse fraternity, and we have the highest GPA at NSU," Erickson said. "Our fraternity also has the most leaders on campus like (Student Activities Board) members and Freshmen Connectors. We give a lot back to the campus and community."

Theta Chi participates yearly in service events like "G.I. Theta Chi" that honors soldiers on Veterans Day by supplying materials, magazines and books for soldiers

abroad.

Theta Chi also has entertaining fundraisers like "Buy-A-Chi," where the gentlemen perform a skit and are auctioned off to the highest bidder.

To organize all of these activities, Theta Chi meets three times weekly and recruits year-round.

"We look for men in class that stand out, and men that have a passion for excellence," President Roderick Wilson, hospitality management and tourism major, said.

Above all, Theta Chi brothers value their reputation as gentlemen.

"Creating gentlemen and well-respected, outstanding leaders is what Theta Chi is all about," Wilson said.

-Ashley Millhause



(In Alphabetical Order) Dan Bembenick, Phillip Duffy, Ronnie Barton, David Boudreaux, Robert Bullard, Jesse Cutshall, Vanner Erickson, Eddie Higginbotham, David Lattin, Jackson McNeal, Jeff Meagley, Chase Powell, Paul Shelton, Jeffrey Sholar, Chris Vance, Adam Wentzel, Roderick Wilson, Bobby Woods

Tau Kappa Epsilon

creating experiences to remember

Individuality is often something lost when joining a fraternity, but with their carpe diem lifestyles, Tau Kappa Epsilon helps the brothers balance all aspects of their collegiate lives.

"Being able to teach people who are behind me, knowing one day they'll be in the same spot I'm in, is the best part of TKE," President Steven Morphew, senior psychology major, said.

Tau Kappa Epsilon raises money for both the national philanthropy, Alzheimer's Association, and the chapter philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Hospital. In the spring, Tau Kappa Epsilon hosted the Run for Reagan, a race to honor Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni Ronald Reagan, former president, and raise funds for Alzheimer's Association. Sponsors donate money for each lap ran, totaling \$1,000.

By raising \$1,800, Tau Kappa Epsilon raised the most money of all campus Greek organizations earning them the Chili's contest award.

In addition to fundraising, Tau Kappa Epsilon also got involved with community service, including playing baseball with children after school.

Throughout the year Tau Kappa Epsilon balanced

school, service and fun.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon house, located on Greek Hill, not only served as the center of theme parties, social events and meetings, but also provided an environment where the brothers could learn about each other and bond.

"The more you hang around these people, the less it feels like a fraternity and more like a family," Alex St. Romain, freshmen psychology major, said.

During the spring, Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers are honored at their Red Carnation Ball with internal awards such as Best GPA and Most Athletic.

The wide range of men that comprise the fraternity makes Tau Kappa Epsilon stand out.

"As soon as you spend the time to get to know these people, you know we're the best," Morphew said.

Tau Kappa Epsilon do their best to enjoy life while focusing on academics, friendships and service.

"College is an experience that should be lived and not watched," Morphew said. "That's something this fraternity can offer."

- Taylor Graves



(Front Row) Geoffrey Bailey. (Second Row) David Bridges, Dylan Carkern, Sean St. Romain, Jarred Knight (Third Row) Jerett Crumbley, Cary Schuez, Michael Gill, Brandon Lamartiniere, Ragan McQueen (Fourth Row) Steven Morphew, Danald Mate, Jonathan Watson, Michael Ebarb, Nathan Michael, Blake Hazelwaad, Klaytan Valega, D.J. Upton, Justin Aymand, Patrick Reed (Fifth Row) Kyle Fraeba, Edward Rawzee

Sigma Nu

running with respect

In 1999, some men decided to bring the ideas and morals of Sigma Nu to campus. Anti-hazing is the main moral of the fraternity because its founders were hazed by other fraternities.

"We wouldn't ask anyone to do anything we wouldn't do ourselves," Taby Duet, senior sociology major, said.

The men of Sigma Nu live by this code.

The NSU Sigma Nu chapter has another trait they are proud of. Most of the men are athletes and are competitive. They won the Intramural Cup nine out of the last ten years.

They also play various sports around the Sigma Nu house, and, although they are brothers, they are more competitive against each other.

"You don't want to lose because they'll never let you live it down," Duet said.

The Sigma Nu brothers do more than play sports. They also like to have fun with their friends. Each semester they throw at least three parties, usually at The Student Body, a dance club on Highway 1 Bypass, along with their semi-formal and formal.

This semester The Body held four events for Sigma Nu. Bid Night was when Sigma Nu offered places to guys who rushed in the fall. They celebrated Halloween by dressing up in costumes for a Fright Night. Their auction was a big success which brought in a lot of money for St. Jude.

While each event held its own success, the Beginning of the World party was the most involved out of the four. Each guest wore a tag and could walk around to different stations representing different parts of the world.

Sigma Nu has taken St. Jude as their chapter philanthropy because they have a personal connection with patients at St. Jude. The chapter not only raises money for their philanthropy, but also gets involved in fundraisers St. Jude has, including a Walk-a-thon in Shreveport.

Along with sports, fun and service, Sigma Nu's teach each other life-long lessons in the four years of college.

"The lessons learned being Sigma Nu can be used the rest of your life," Duet said.

-Taylor Graves



(Front Row) Justin Priola, Steven Stracner, John Oates, Chris Pearson (Second Row) Paul Manuel, Tyler Fluit, Caleb Gainey (Third Row) Ryan Ramshur, Sam Spurgeon (Fourth Row) Ty Duncan, Ethan Meredith (Fifth Row) Randy Hanley, Matt Leblanc, Taby Duet (Sixth Row) Derek Clavier, Matt Gauthier, James Major (Seventh Row) Cady Duskey, Jash Collins (Eighth Row) Jeff Rich, Morgan Redman, Jared Kilpatrick

College Panhellenic Council

ladies governing together

Women of integrity, poise and scholarship form a sisterhood and project their kindness upon the Natchitoches community.

The National Panhellenic Conference, founded in 1902, is a grouping organization for 26 international women's sororities.

The College Panhellenic Council is the governing body of all four National Panhellenic Conference sororities on campus: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

With over 200 members on campus, the CPC is the governing body of all the NPC sororities. They run rush, or formally recruit, for all of the NPC sororities' member intake.

"(CPC) brings all the sororities together in sisterhood," President Cassie Canon said. "We may not all wear the same letters, but we all believe in many of the same aspects and share the same ideals."

CPC membership is automatically granted when you join a National Panhellenic Conference sorority.

The CPC also works with the girls' home in Natchitoches.

CPC members promote and reflect the values of scholarship and service in their work.

-Tori Ladd



photo by Larrie King

(Front) Manica Randazza, Cassie Cannon, Denise Mabile, Alicia McDaniel, Starmie Maare (Second Row) Carolyn Bernard, Megan Berthelat, Jessica Black, Lauren Dickerson, Megan Vets (Third Row) Jannah Gray, Haley Chambliss, Renee Scallan, Tiffani Pinell, Elizabeth Armand

National Pan Hellenic Council

look past the colors

Red, blue, white, yellow, purple. Color doesn't matter. The fraternities and sororities that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council don't let colors stand in their way of progress.

"NPHC is made of driven leaders striving to insure our purpose is upheld to the best of our abilities," President Asya Mitchem, senior political science major, said.

NPHC is the governing body for the black Greek letter organizations, also known as the Divine 9. At NSU, only three fraternities and two sororities make up the council.

In the fall, the organization hosts the NPHC Mixer, giving each sorority and fraternity a chance to share their history and display their unique qualities through step, dance, movie or whatever creative outlet they choose. The mixer introduces students to black Greek life and is an opportunity for students to find out more about an organization they may be interested in.

In the spring, NPHC hosts "So you think you wanna go Greek?," a formal informational about all the black sororities and fraternities. This time, the organizations answer questions and give more specific guidelines about the qualifications for joining any one of the organizations.

In between their individual service projects, NPHC managed to fit in some community service as a whole.

The group cleaned the graveyard, painted the wall behind the student union, helped with campus clean up and volunteered at "Witch Way to Main Street"—the Halloween Carnival held downtown.

NPHC also used their funds to replace the sporting equipment of the local Boys and Girls Clubs.

"It was a little steep, but it's something that we really wanted to do," Lauren Hughes, senior business major, said.

Mitchem said NPHC has taught her to put differences aside and come together for a common cause so NPHC can move forward.

While they each chose different paths, at the end of the day it's all for the same purpose.

"NPHC organizations are so much beyond the letters," Mitchem said, "there is more to us than the things you see."

- Trecey Rew



(Front Row) D'Andreas Clark, Anesha Raberson, Akilah Givens, Hasim Janes, Asya Mitchem, Jeremy Evans (Second Row) Stacy Douglas, Keven Bracks, Randy Freeman, Lauren Hughes, Ariane Morgon, Vadeisha Williams (Back Row) Dywayne Robinson, Demetrius Payne, Dedra Brawn, Trey Janes, David Holmes, Kasey Brown

Order of Omega

maintaining the highest honor

There is more to Greek life than partying and figuring out whose fraternity or sorority is the best. Order of Omega, a National Greek Honor Society that was founded in 1959 at the University of Miami, represents Greek unity and achievement.

"Order of Omega is the highest honor you can achieve as a Greek, and we just try to enrich the Greek community because it's an organization for all Greek councils," President Marissa Guidry, senior business administration major, said.

"It's a very small organization and it's very elite, and I like seeing other Greeks who are dedicated to their studies and who take pride in what they do," Guidry said.

Along with maintaining the "highest Greek honor", the organization also participates in several different activities.

"We planned a pep rally for homecoming with SGA. We also did a Halloween carnival where the different children from the community can come, and they can play different carnival games," Guidry said.

To qualify for Order of Omega a student must be a member of a Greek organization, have either junior or senior standing, fill out an application and participate in an interview. They must also maintain a GPA that is above the all Greek average, which varies each semester.

- Shelita Dalton



photo by Ashley Hayes

Demon Phi Cheerleader

tumbles into school spirit

"Spirit equals life!" is the motto Demon Phi Cheerleader members live by.

Since spring 2007, the co-ed fraternity has been working to support and promote NSU and its students.

"We aim to increase student morale and participation here on campus. Therefore we support everyone and every organization on this campus," President Sam Starr, junior biology major, said.

The organization is for students who love cheering and want to support NSU.

Although Demon Phi Cheerleader is a new fraternity, the members find several ways to help out and get involved both on and off campus.

"Recently we helped promote the fan bus that traveled to (Stephen F. Austin University) for the last football game to help support the football program," Starr said.

The fraternity is also in the process of bringing a free "cheernastics" clinic on campus for children of all ages. Cheernastics is a combination of cheerleading and tumbling.

Within the community, the members participated in a Teddy Bear Drive to donate teddy bears to children who are in the hospital for Christmas.

In addition, the members helped out with the Student Support Services Fall Fest and tutored students at a local church.

Demon Phi Cheerleader remains as the only chapter in the nation, however a second one may be created at Bossier Parish Community College.

- Sarah Cramer



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Kappa Kappa Psi

melody of service

The instruments are polished, the vans are loaded, the drummers are tapping off. The beat must go on. The adrenaline is pumping, the trumpets blare. The sounds of the Spirit of Northwestern fill the stadium. Off in the corner, helping make everything flow, are the brothers of the Theta Nu chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Since 1984, the brothers continue to promote the existence of the university band, stimulate campus leadership and provide a pleasant and helpful social experience for the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band.

"(We are) the hardest working organization on campus," President Mark Dorsey, senior music education major, said.

Their many projects include cleaning Highway 1 South, the Alumni Plaza, the band hall and the Creative and Performing Arts school. They also provide ongoing service to the band by loading and unloading equipment, providing water and PowerAde and running errands for Bill Brent, director of bands.

Kappa Kappa Psi also cleaned and painted local

band rooms throughout the summer, built new storage units and cooked meals for the band during band camp.

"We are the most reliable, helpful and dedicated group of band students," Treasurer Giquan Garrett, senior music education major, said. "We will be there to do it no matter what time of day."

The organization also organizes fundraisers to help support the community service needs. The fundraisers include DJ gigs to provide musical entertainment for interested parties, piano bashes where students paid money to beat a piano with a sledge hammer and working concession stands at the Louisiana Music Educators Association competing on campus and at other events.

"We are the backbone to the Spirit of Northwestern," Historian Corey Joachim, junior music education major, said. "There's a lot done behind the scenes, and I want to be a part of that."

-Bethany Frank



(Front) Joseph Casselberry, Nicole Bullard, Marla Hegman, Ty Lege, Amy Fain, Demarcus Carlin, Giquan Garrett (Second Row) Brian Williams, Mark Dorsey, Mark Daniels, Carlos Ortiz IV, Corey Joachim, Preston Spencer, Will Lafayette, Justin Vercher (Third Row) Ryan Franklin, Zach Bartley, Chris Taylor, David Steele, Jared Kutz, Adam Black, Kyle Stagno



(Front Row) Shannon Shugart, Yasmin, Catherine Halverson (Second Row) Blair Pickett, Gabriela Gutierrez, Andrea Lucien, LeeAnn Riley, Justina LeJeune (Third Row) MaQueta Pipkin, Angela Walker, Brittany Williams, Clarissa Moses, Daniel Coffman, Ola DemusJackson

Tau Beta Sigma

behind the scenes

Like the music to your ears, Tau Beta Sigma has been the driving force of The Spirit of Northwestern since 1986. The sisters of Tau Beta Sigma came from all ethnic backgrounds and locations to meet for one common cause.

The purpose of Tau Beta Sigma is to serve the band, band members and encourage women as band professionals. Originally established in 1946, the sisters of Tau Beta Sigma also have a deep passion for community service.

"We have won SGA's Community Service Award three years straight," President Yasmine Grayson, music education major, said. "We were the sorority with the most community service hours, and we are proud of it."

In addition to community service, the 15 members worked closely with the band. They cleaned the band hall, raised money for new uniforms, handed out uniforms

before performances, maintained the band's appearance and fulfilled band directors orders. They even distributed treat bags and popsicles to band members after practices or performances.

"Everything you see in the band, Tau Beta Sigma worked behind the scenes for it," Grayson said.

Tau Beta Sigma makes a yearly effort to participate in "Demon Drum Day," Color Guard Day, NSU's Marching Festival, Cancer Walk and Alpha Phi Alpha's Greek Explosion.

The sisters select women they believe are the best of the best musically and academically, and they meet weekly to discuss what's next on their busy agenda

-Kayla Wagner



Phi Mu Alpha

spreading service through song

The Gamma Rho chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity has been carrying on its musical tradition on NSU's campus since 1942.

"(We) promote music throughout America," Treasurer and Music Director Joshua Nuss, junior liberal arts major, said.

The fraternity is a part of the Sinfonia Education Foundation, where the members work to donate money and supplies to music programs across the country.

"It functions just like VH1's 'Save the Music.' We donate money, supplies and volunteer hours to music programs all across America," Nuss said.

On campus, Phi Mu Alpha spends its time working with the School of Creative and Performing Arts. Along with Sigma Alpha Iota, they work as ushers for various concerts, volunteer at different festivals and campus contests, and work at NSU Symphony Society banquets.

The fraternity helps out around the community

as well. The brothers hosted Band Day, where they travel to nearby high schools that have poorly funded band programs.

"We clean up the whole (band) room, paint it, give lessons to their kids and make a donation," Nuss said.

In addition to Band Day, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia participates in Mill's Music Mission, where the brothers perform at nursing homes in the community. The members sing to the residents and pass flowers out to the women in the home.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia does not host a formal rush as the fraternities that are a part of the Greek system do. They hold what they call a "smoker," an informational for any who is interested. Those who are interested are welcome to spend a day with Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. At the end of the night, the brothers vote for their new members.

- Sarah Cramer



(Front Row) Adam Caen, Brandon Legnion, Spencer Sepuluada, Charlie Patts, Benjamin Waad, Thomas Myrick, Brendan Mizener, James Durbin (Second Row) Joshua Nusst, Dawson Wainright, Adam Fauchaux, Jacob Deniakas, Jarge Cantu (Third Row) Callin Waadsan, Joseph DiMarca (turned head), Matthew Foster, Daniel Caffman (Fourth Row) Louis Papia, Watsan Nichols, Kyle Lacare (Fifth Row) Richard Kyle, Paul Adams, Michael Wimberly, Cam-eran Mayfield



(Front Row) Meagan Gibson, Stephanie Stubbs, Erika Bettevy (Second Row) Maddie Morrow, Sarah Caffey (Third Row) Erica Vincent, Jade Dupre, Amy Fain (Fourth Row) Lillian Hare, Stephanie Ojeda (Fifth Row) Allison Carpenter, Linda Aguilar, Natalie Johnson (Sixth Row) Jessica Puente, Sarah Hunt

Sigma Alpha Iota

raising their voices to promote music

The women of Sigma Alpha Iota all share one thing in common: their sincere love for music.

"Daughters of a great and singing nation, let your voices rise in dedication," their anthem states.

Sigma Alpha Iota is a sorority founded to help and promote music education. Founded in 1903, it is an international music fraternity.

"We have 31 members here at NSU," Megan Stephens, senior music education major, said. "All members have a love for music and want to help spread music to the community."

"Our main goal is to promote music in the community," President Jessica Puente said.

"We have an annual music carnival that raises money to help us repair elementary and high schools instruments and allow us to give lessons to students," Puente said.

In addition to the carnival, the women hosted monthly fundraisers including a Creative and Performing

Arts Idol, a spin off of American Idol where they had a talent show. The proceeds went to sorority members in training.

Members in training must be involved in at least one credit of music classes and must have completed one semester of courses.

"I have been an active member since spring '07," Lindo Aguilar, junior music education major, said. "Sigma Alpha Iota has given me a sisterhood that I can always rely on."

Not every member is a music major or comes from a musical background, but this does not matter to the women of Sigma Alpha Iota as long as they all share their sincere love for music.

"We hold music dear to our hearts and strive to promote it in our community on and off campus," Puente said.

-Ashley Millhouse

African American Caucus

adding fun to academics

For some students, college is only business, never pleasure.

Bogged down in a never-ending cycle of classes, exams, projects and internships, these go-getters forget to pursue the other side of college life—fun and new friendships.

"Our goal is to be united as African Americans (and) to make the campus fun," President Erica Narcisse, senior CIS major, said.

The African American Caucus, founded in 1990, provides students with a unique mixture of social events and service projects. Every semester the organization has its own week, similar to those held by fraternities and sororities.

The AAC holds two major events—the fall "Thicka Than a Snicka" pageant, which features full-figured

contestants, and the "Ghetto Grammys," where awards are handed out for different categories such as "Pimp My Ride," "Mr. and Miss. Flirtatious," and dance.

AAC activities are not all fun and games, however.

"We go to the Boys and Girls Club and help with homework," Narcisse said. "We try to do a little something different every semester."

The group also hosts Unity Day, a student appreciation barbecue held on Intramural field in cooperation with Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and sponsors other free events for students.

-Kevin Clarkston



photo by Larnie King

(Front Row) Terry Finister, Erica Narcisse, Kerrisha Brawn, LaTara Williams, Octavia Balds, Tiffani Hills, Tiffany O'neal, Jaleesa Garth, Calby Bell, Cherrelle Williams **(Back Row)** Khris Brawn, Kristen Jackson, Camille Ceneles, ShaMarcus Gray, Justin Thampsan, Ashanti Butler, Natasha Anderson, LaDarrellinique Butler, Terry Finister

Anthropological Society

bringing the world to
Northwestern

Since 1974, NSU's Anthropological Society has sought to help students discover and appreciate the diverse array of cultures Natchitoches and the world has to offer.

"(Our purpose is) to teach and explore all the anthropology around this area," Vice President Curtis Desselles said.

The group holds several events throughout the year. On Basket Day, held in December in Williamson Museum on the second floor of Kyser Hall, local Native Americans sell homemade clothing, jewelry, baskets and crafts.

Desselles said the event, which has been taking place for 30 years, attracts customers from all over.

The Anthropological Society also helps the

community by participating in cleanup day for the Natchitoches Bridgetown Cemetery.

Membership is open to all students interested in anthropology, Desselles said.

Members are able to participate in barbecues and field trips, such as a recent excursion to Dallas, Texas, for a King Tut Exhibit, and others out of country.

"Last summer they went to Egypt for two weeks," Desselles said.

Whether traveling to Africa or exposing local residents to Native American culture, the Anthropological Society will continue its mission to bring the world to NSU and Natchitoches.

-Kevin Clarkston



photo by Danielle Kenny

(In Alphabetical Order) Dean Barnes, Ashley Constance, Curtis Desselles, Joseph Evans, Suzanne Graham, Dr. Pete Gregory, Dr. Tammy Hailey, Randall Hart, Cat Labre, Radney Meziere, Amanda Paul, Elisabeth Pierite, Marie Richards



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Association for Information Technology Professionals top-rated and proud

Designed to develop students' understanding of the professional world they aspire to become a part of, the Association for Information Technology Professionals has both professional and student chapters.

AITP attends both a Region 3 Conference and National Collegiate Conference during the year.

The Region 3 Conference is a preliminary for the National Collegiate Conference where students and professionals gather for industry speakers, job fairs and competitions.

The NSU chapter has achieved high awards in competitions, including the information system skills competition, in past National Collegiate Conferences against schools such as Purdue University, Brigham Young University and Missouri State University.

"The distinguishable characteristics of AITP have been being top-rate against countless universities," Devon Drake, senior CIS major, said. "We have proved we can compete with reputable universities across the nation."

AITP raised money through a "Phoneraiser," where

they collected old cell phones for proper recycling. Members of AITP also worked the ticket booths for the Natchitoches Christmas Festival.

The organization sponsored sessions for computer information system students to help them prepare for job interviews and give tips on skills for the work force.

AITP helps students get their foot in the door to an expansive field.

"I enjoy the opportunity to enhance myself in my career," Drake said. "It offers me resources and things I wouldn't have otherwise."

AITP can leave a legacy of the kinds of talent and abilities students have.

"We (embrace) the fact that our small Natchitoches, La., university has the abilities to rival other high universities in the competition we perform," Drake said.

-Taylor Graves

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

a new home, the same mission

A traditional college experience is about expanding horizons and meeting new people.

These activities are on a different level for the members of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries because they share fellowship in their savior, Jesus Christ. This fellowship provides a balance through their busy collegiate lives.

"The Gospel of Luke tells us that we must grow in a balanced way, and BCM provides that opportunity in ways that the university cannot," Minister Bill Collins said.

Membership is open to the entire student body, but a core group of 20 students makes up the leadership team. Their fellowship goes beyond a Wednesday night meeting. The friendships gained through the organization have deeply enriched their lives.

"Because of them, I have the opportunity every day to learn more about our Lord and prosper in him," Fletcher Johnson, senior journalism major, said.

The Friedman Student Union was once a home for their fellowship. But now with the growth of the organization, they will relocate to a new facility, funded

by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, across the street from Prather Coliseum.

Because of BCM's strong presence on campus with members from diverse degree concentrations, they often offer a helping hand around campus aside from their ministries.

They volunteer to work parking lots for sporting events and participate in canned food drives, but that local sense of duty has translated to serious commitments to witnessing for their ministries.

While most chose to relax during last year's spring break, Savannah Martin, senior psychology major, traveled to Guatemala for a mission trip to spread the word of Christ to children.

"To be able to see a child's face in Guatemala just light up because you are there is so amazing, and the opportunity would not have been possible without my involvement with BCM," Martin said.

-Cody Bourque



(Front) Mondie Emfinger, Joshua Harris, Chrs Smith, Dallas Irvin, Erin Fontenot, Emily Essmeier, Samantha Wright, Katie Craft, Tara Luck, Renae Brown, Cardel Collins, Phyllis Collins, Bill Collins (Second Row) Chris Anderson, Matthew English, Matthew Fowler, Kyle May, ShoMarcus Gray, Matt May, Gavin Montgomery, Andy Bullard, Cosey Saileau, Shekinah Siegmund, Amber Evons, Eva Wilson, Alecia Sullivan (Third Row) Ryan Humphrey, Sarah Sutton, Eric Brooks, Fletcher Jonson, Josh Karl, Tina Hawes, Kam Shing-Ching, Adam Livingston



(Front Row) Maryann Mbaka, Kaitlin Ward, Megan McCain, Ivanyka Perkins (Second Row) Christina Atteridge, Jessica Black, Sarah Timmans, Jin Cheng (Third Row) Katie Martin, Stephanie Mantgamery, Andrew Caams, Devin Owens, Francene Lemaine

Beta Beta Beta

explaining the heart, making a difference

Through service, Beta Beta Beta, a biological honor society, takes care of the campus and community.

The organization recycled in Bienvenue Hall, paved the Beta Beta Beta walkway after complaints about the muddy path, and is working on fixing the Beta Beta Beta monument laid down in the '60s.

During homecoming week Beta Beta Beta, with the Student Activities Board, collected paper, plastic and aluminum cans in the Friedman Student Union and took the items to a recycling firm in Shreveport.

Members also explained the heart to students at NSU Middle Lab.

"We were answering questions like 'Can you live without a heart?'" Maryann Mbaka, senior biology and mathematics major, said.

Beta Beta Beta plans to continue going to the school and help teachers explain difficult topics.

They participated in another project involving not only the heart, but the mind as well, when they volunteered at the Alzheimer's Walk in October.

The grandmother of one member, whose grandmothers both had Alzheimer's, personally asked the

organization to help with the walk.

"She said her way of dealing with the issue was to help raise money," Mbaka said. "We wanted to help so we decided to take the whole volunteer aspect of it."

The organization helped with registration and sold concessions. The money made from the concession stand was then donated back to the walk.

In between service projects, the organization combined fundraising and fun with a "Pie the Professor" activity.

Students bought raffle tickets and put them into jars with a professor's name. If the student's name was drawn, they had the opportunity to pie a professor.

"Everything we do is outside projects," Mbaka said. "We never really do anything for our chapter."

Members of Beta Beta Beta must be a biology major or minor, have a 3.0 major GPA, at least 12 hours of biology courses, and be interested in service, leadership and biology research.

-Trecey Rew



Black Knights

developing discipline, learning leadership

The Black Knights led as an example of professionalism and leadership on NSU's campus.

The organization is a chapter of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, a society that strives to develop military skills and discipline in students throughout the nation.

"We instill core army values," President Nathan Pearson, freshman industrial engineering major, said.

Black Knights members participate in several activities, including a drill team, camping trips, visits to the

D-day Museum in New Orleans, La. and a co-ed football team.

They also host fundraisers and do community service around Natchitoches with charities including DOVES.

"The most recent thing we did was a walk for Alzheimer's disease," Pearson said.

Black Knights is not only for students who plan on a career in the military. All students are welcome to join.

- Sarah Cramer



Blue Key Honor Society

leading the way

An elite group of students, chosen for scholarship, leadership service, character, and integrity, have the privilege of belonging to the Blue Key Honor Society.

"It's a great honor to become a member of this internationally known organization," President Quincy Jackson, senior business administration major, said.

With 100 students applying each year, only 20 to 25 are chosen for membership.

Candidates must have at least 45 credit hours and a 3.0 semester and cumulative GPA. They must also have demonstrated active participation in service-oriented school or community organizations, said Jackson.

The members participated in several community service projects.

During the Christmas season, they made cards for

residents of a local nursing home and "adopted" four children whose parents could not afford to buy gifts.

Some members also helped clean the home of an elderly, disabled NSU student.

As president of the organization, Jackson has the honor of escorting graduates into the commencement ceremony and to the stage to receive their diplomas. Also at graduation, the members of the organization sell flowers.

Blue Key offers a \$100 scholarship each semester to the member who attends the most meetings and events.

-Trecey Rew



photo by Larrie King

(Front Row) Sarah Timmans, Shaneka Young, Quincy Jackson, Heidi Stallings, Keshia Levingstan, Angelisa Watson (Second Row) Rachel McCalister, Hannah perat, Lauren Lupa, Jacelyn Kyle, Cary Bruna, Lauren Hughes, Shaval Stewart, Megan Gibsan (Third Row) Devin Owens, Maryann Mbaka, Trenese Hypalite, Markenia Bautte, Haven Barnes, Alanda Jackson, Samantha Wright, Kayla Wingfield



(Front Row) Shanyrica White, Austen Dockens, Whitney Parker, Nancy Griffin, Karrie Simpson, Starleana Bastan, Kelvin O'Binns Jr., Dr. Julie McDonald
(Back Row) Dr. Walter Creighton, Wendy Barton, Josh Russell, Seth Pryar, Jannah Gray, Amanda Payne, Hannah Salter, Kenny Gee, James McAlpin, Jared Kilpatrick

Business Professionals of America

foundation for the future

"Today's students. Tomorrow's business professionals" is the motto the Business Professionals of America members.

The organization, which only has one chapter in Louisiana, is in its sixth year at NSU.

"(BPA is) a multi-level student nation-wide business organization with a goal to improve business education," Advisor Walter Creighton said.

BPA prepares members for the business world. Business meetings are held monthly, and the members attend national leadership conferences in cities across the nation, including Reno, Nev., New York City and Anaheim, Calif.

For their philanthropy, Operation Christmas Child.

BPA members collected presents. Operation Christmas Child is an organization that sends shoeboxes full of presents to impoverished children around the world.

BPA also participated with the annual J. Walter Porter Forum, which is sponsored by the College of Business.

The forum brings successful business leaders and professionals to campus to connect them with the students and give the students a taste of the business world.

BPA is for any, and all, future business leaders.

"Any students from grade seven through college may participate," Creighton said.

- Sarah Cramer



Catholic Student Organization

home away from home

Once the Newman Club of NSU, the Catholic Student Organization has continued to guide Catholic students on campus since 1963.

The CSO hosted a weekly Wednesday night supper with food donated by Holy Cross parishioners for both NSU and Louisiana School of Math Science and the Arts students. In addition to the dinner, they also sometimes hosted an adoration or praise and worship.

"It brings everyone together in a communion of Christian fellowship," Allie Brewer, junior CIS major, said.

Each year, the CSO also attended the Louisiana Catholic Student Conference, this year hosted at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The conference included a group mass, different talks hosted by world-renowned speakers and a social.

Brewer enjoyed hearing what the speakers had to say and how they presented new views on topics such as abortion and living morally.

"They are so prevalent and expected that it's not often you hear someone talk about it," she said. "(Students) don't hear about it anywhere else. When you are totally immersed in something it is refreshing and important to hear an opposing opinion."

The CSO also traveled to Kisatchie to play in the bayou, cookout and have a good time. They also carved pumpkins for Halloween, watched the Christmas parade on the roof of the CSO house and cooked s'mores in the backyard.

The organization is laid back, and you could almost always find someone just hanging out at the house, Brewer said.

"It's nice to have an organization that doesn't have a 24/7 involvement," she said.

Coming from Memphis, Tenn., Brewer, like any student, found a home away from home at the little white house on Second Street.

-Bethany Frank



photo by Bethany Frank

(Front Row) Lacey McKerall, P.J. Barker, Michelle Janes, Sarah Sterling (Second Row) Whitney Rivett, Hannah Metayer, Diane Daniels, Allie Brewer, Jessica Benoit, Tammy Myrick, Lindsay Brawning, Brittany Damangue, Elizabeth Paal, Kaleigh McCard, Jacob Deniakos (Third Row) Tyler Williams, Mike Davis, Carey Jaachim, Lindsey Rame, Joe Raque, Timothy Cantrelle Jr., Charlie Patts, Katie Stacktan, (Fourth Row) Father Jasan Goatee, Austin Jensmare, Brendan Mizner



Circle K International

leading the campus in service

With a vision "to be the leading global community service organization on college and university campuses that enriches the world one member, one child and one community at a time," the Circle K group, Kiwanis International sponsored, strived for excellence while keeping a light-hearted environment so members can have fun.

"It's always fun to see people's faces whenever you help them out and to see how happy they are," President Elizabeth Paal, junior education major, said. "In the end when you see people's faces and how much you've helped them, that's what makes everything else worth it."

Circle K helps in any way they can, which is evident by their combined total of 1,200 service hours last year and 422 since April, making them one of the

most active community service-based organizations on campus.

"We all have a lot of energy and just a variety of people," Paal said. "I think we also stand out by the number of service hours we do. Like we do a whole lot."

Circle K raised \$300 for the American Cancer Society at Relay for Life this year and organized relief trips for Habitat for Humanity to help with hurricane relief.

Members volunteered at Rebel State Park as part of their annual haunted house in October and donated food to the Alexandria food bank for Thanksgiving.

Every Christmas they go to a girls' home and present them with gifts and help organize the Christmas Fest parade participants.

They also do the conventional fundraisers like bake sales, jambalaya sales and car washes.

-Kera Siman



College Democrats

making a difference, one election at a time

The Democratic party is not made up of only liberals and 35-year-olds.

Young people of different ages and backgrounds who all possess the same common goals comprise the College Democrat organization.

"The main goal of our organization is to get voters out and register them to vote, get them to the polls, get Democrats elected to the State House, the State Senate, U.S. Congress, Senate and the Presidency as we did in this election," Vice President Heath Boddie, junior secondary education major, said.

College Democrats are asked to "call upon many more young people to recognize the importance of public service and political participation in order to deliver the change the country needs," according to collegedems.com.

The organization was busy getting the job done. In order to help urge citizens to get out and vote, they participated in phone banking and went door to door.

"I joined the College Democrats because I personally was tired of the Republican administration and the Republican control and the slim majority we had," Boddie said. "I thought that if I got out more Democratic senators, congressman and voters we can definitely make a change and we won; we just wanted to help people out and get things changed."

The organization is open to all NSU students. While it is free to join, members are responsible for showing up to meetings, joining the Facebook group and contributing their time and support.

- Shelita Dalton

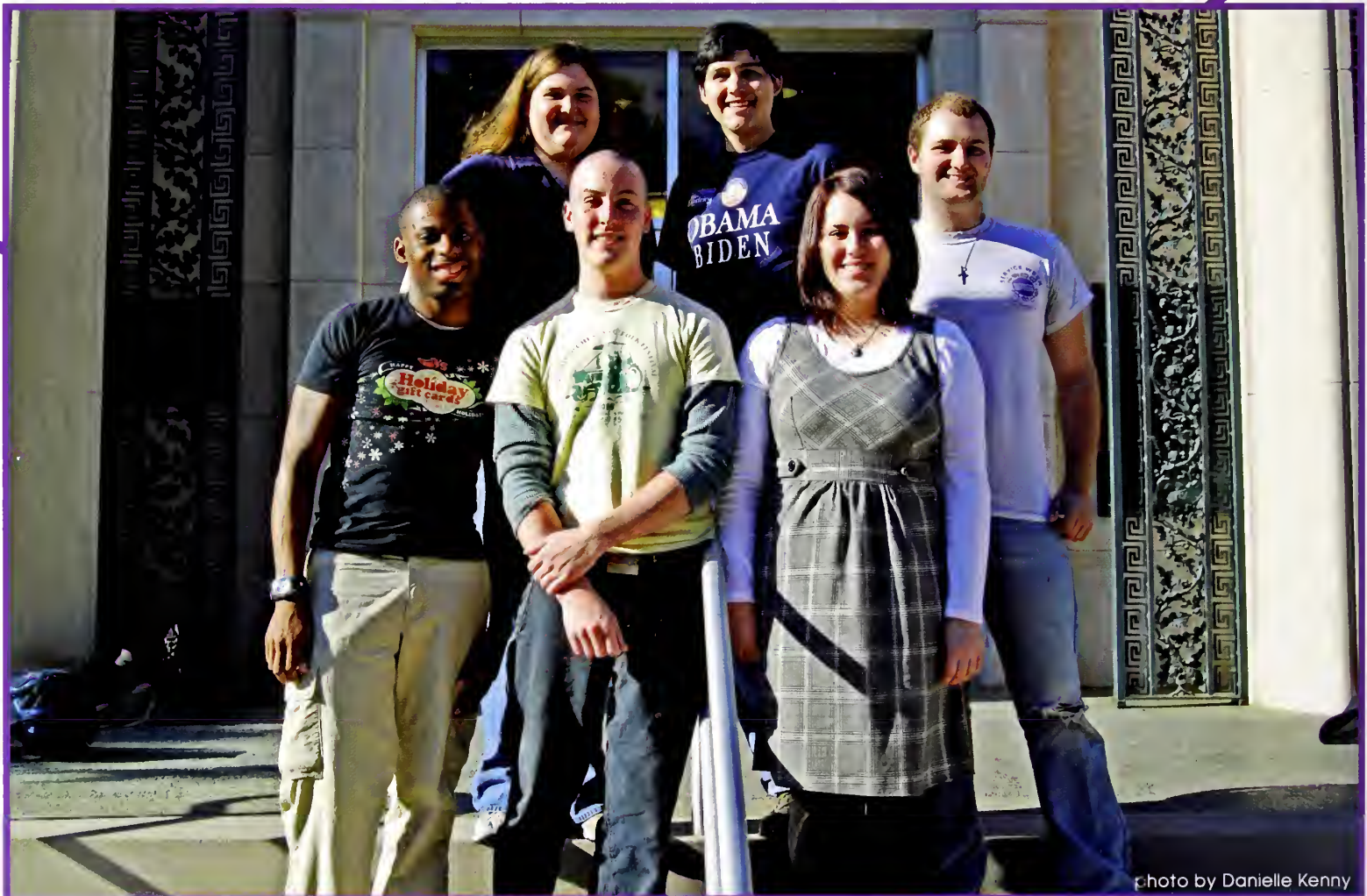


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(Front Row) Trinity George, Chris Pruden, Melisso Long (Back Row) Teagan Rymer, Mott Morrison, Heath Boddie

Flight Team

taking flight

The Flight Team is taking off and soaring to new heights this year.

"We're trying to get it started back up," President Jordan Eostridge, sophomore general studies major, said.

The team is planning on attending the Safety and Evolution Conference for the first time in a couple years.

"(SAFECON) is what Flight Team is all about," Eostridge said.

NSU's Flight Team is a part of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, which is made up of teams from schools across the country. SAFECON is a competition of flight and ground events involving schools within the NIFA. NSU competes against schools in Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi.

For the ground events, team members compete against others to test their skills mapping out courses. The

flying events include a competition where team members fly over a target and drop objects, a landing competition and a race across the country.

Flight Team members spent this year training for the upcoming SAFECON.

"To go to the competition we have try-outs," Eostridge said. "(We) want to take the best people to represent the school."

Flight Team and SAFECON are not limited to only aviation students, and there is no membership fee to join. Any students who are a part of the team may be selected for ground events at the conference. However, a pilot's license is required to participate in flying events.

- Sarah Cramer

NSU Crew

crew's control

Pushing past the limit and exquisite teamwork represent the drive needed to exemplify the personality of a member of the Demon Crew.

NSU Crew started in 1988 and became an official club sport in 1989. They competed against over 200 schools throughout the last few years.

NSU Crew, a year-round sport, hosted recruitment meetings at the beginning of every semester. Open to all full-time students, there was no experience required to join.

President Brondi Guilbeau led the 33-member team.

Crew is a highly awarded and successful club sport. They have participated in many regattas and competitions, including Head of the Tennessee, Head of the Oklahoma, Head of the Brazos, Chottanoogo Head Race and Racer Regatta.

Its members also hosted home scrimmages with several schools, including Louisiana State University, Washington University, University of Texas, Tulane University and Wichita State University, and officially hosted the Morathon Rowing Championships. This fall was the 19th annual race and was the largest in race history with 115 boat entries.

NSU Crew's Women's Varsity 8 (WV8+) is the current state champions.

NSU Crew's Novice Light Weight Men (NLM4+) received a bronze medal at the SIRA conference

championship, the first men's medal in five years.

NSU Crew VW8+ received its first conference ranking of 9th and posted the 5th fastest time in the qualifying heats. Varsity women were only the second crew in Head of Tennessee history to sweep both the VW8+ and VW4+, and the first non-NCAA team to do so.

Last spring some of NSU's rowers were selected to become a part of the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA), the national governing body of rowing clubs. Those students include senior Jessica Craig, who became NSU Crew's first ACRA Academic All-American Rower; sophomore Emily Grimmett and senior Sodie Wintersteen who were selected as second team ACRA All-American Team and ACRA AllSouth Team.

Leading this team was Head Coach, Jason Stelly, who has been affiliated with the team for seven and a half years. The team also had two volunteer assistant coaches: Richard Ziegler and Jessica Craig.

"I enjoy introducing young students and athletes to the sport of rowing," Stelly said.

"Generally, students have no rowing experience, and we have to teach them to row," he said. "It's satisfying to see the excitement of students who become attached and to develop love for the sport."

-Tori Lodd

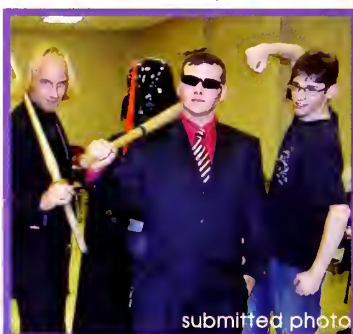


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(Front Row) Jeffrey McNear (kneeling), Steven Cambren, Maureen Hunt, Trenise Fulfard, Rebecca Janes (Back Row) Braydan Baltan, Austin Burns, Jeremy Stallings, Michael Chandler, Mark Bloadwarth II, Murray Gras, Bret Lachey, Susan Ferrant

Gamers Guild

just playing around



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Halo, Poker and World of Warcraft are nothing the members of Gamers Guild can't handle. The members of the organization spend their time doing what they love most: playing games.

"We play video games," Vice President Maureen Hunt, junior criminal justice major, said. "We also play card games, computer and handheld games, or we just make up our own games."

The members of the organization created their own version of the classic board game "Clue."

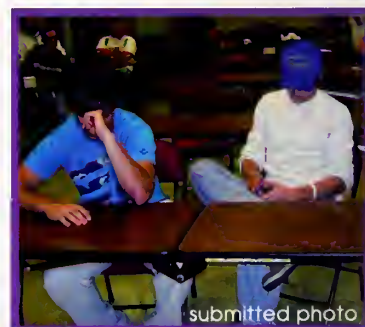
We play by the same rules, we just act out our characters," Hunt said.

Gamers Guild is available to anyone and everyone who is interested in having fun, whether wanting to play games or just watch.

- Sarah Cramer



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Helping Hands

putting themselves out there

With the help of many hands, hearts and students, Helping Hands brought much service to the Natchitoches community.

Helping Hands was re-established on campus in 2001.

Helping Hands has a long resume' of awards, including champions of a host of Homecoming activities this year.

"A highlight of Helping Hands is being the leading service organization on campus and the willingness of other RSO's to collaborate with us to perform various service projects," Adviser Jamie Flanagan, student support service administrator, said.

In the past, Helping Hands volunteered at the Red Cross Hurricane Relief shelter, assisted at the Women's Resource Center (Crisis Pregnancy Center), the Boys and Girls Club of El Camino for their Annual Steak and Burger Dinner, visited the Cane River Children's Home and donated Christmas presents to the Boys and Girls Club of

El Camino.

Every fall, Helping Hands hosts Fall Fest, where they hold a carnival in the Friedman Student Union for community children to come on campus for a fun, safe evening in October.

In the spring, they hosted their Annual Black History Program in Magale Recital Hall.

Helping Hands is credited with initiating the first Black History Program celebration on the NSU campus in 2002. They accumulated over 400 NSU students, faculty and staff. With the hard work of Helping Hands students, the Black History Program received NSU's Program of Year award for 2002.

"As the advisor, I have enjoyed constantly looking for service to get the group involved in, and many of the members are premier students at NSU," Flanagan said

- Tari Ladd



(Front Row) Justin Thompson, Arione Morgon, Brondy Jones, Josmine Shofer, Brittony Scott, Bridget Scott, Shordoi Adesolo (Second Row) Jordan Higginbotham, Ivonyko Perkins, Chosity Mc Dermott, Azielle B. Croiges, Dovone Richord, Kourthey Reece, Redecco Jones, Amondo Corroll (Third Row) Kendoll Vinning, Sji Wyott, Vodeisho Williams, Shequito Douglas, Chorniece Scott, Bionco Warren, Moureen Hunt, Monique Chochere, Shomarcus Groy (Fourth Row) Eric Howard, Morkenio Boutte, Mocketio Morrison, Lauren Hughes, Jennifer Blake, Asley Potier, Danielle Washington, Rondy Freeman Jr. (Fifth Row) Moreo Webb, Patrick Brooks, Sherdriko Fowler, Victorio Corrillo, Cecile Bodet, Akiko Jones, George Stondifer, Taylor Norton



Babbie Nawlin, Katrina Patterson, Jacob Punch, Allen Sepuluada, Tery O'Leary

Institute of Industrial Engineers

creating networks

The Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) is a professional society dedicated solely to the support of the industrial engineering profession and individuals involved with improving quality and productivity.

The institute was founded in 1948 and was called the American Institute of Industrial Engineers until 1981, when the name was changed to reflect its international membership base.

Members include both college students and professionals. IIE holds annual regional and national conferences in the United States. IIE is headquartered in the United States in Norcross, Georgia, a suburb located northeast of Atlanta.

-From iienet2.org

Kappa Pi

just adding a little color

Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity was originally started at NSU in 1959, but was reestablished with the Gamma Mu Chapter in 2007.

Kappa Pi is most known for its community and service projects.

"We have a pet-service learning project with Natchitoches Parish School System, and children involved in the Hope USA program," Adviser Leslie Gruesbeck, coordinator of galleries, said. "We teach art lessons to them through parties we host around seasonal holidays."

Along with the recruiting office, Kappa Pi hosts area events to show NSU and the College of Liberal Arts to interested high school students.

Kappa Pi also holds art clothes-line sales, where affordable student-produced art is sold to other students and the public.

While promoting and organizing museum trips to nearby cities such as Dallas and Houston, they also hold fund raisers to assist with attending professional conferences in art and design.

Kappa Pi also has an annual Halloween party dedicated to fun, food and costumes.

"It's fun, and a great opportunity to get out and to experience art with the community," Secretary Amanda Roe, art graduate student said.

Their recent accomplishments include winning first place in the 2007 homecoming competitions and winning the People's Choice award in Student Activities Board's Spring Fling Gumbo Cook Off.

Anyone can join Kappa Pi. To be a full member a student must complete 12 hours of art courses, earn a 3.0 GPA in those classes and maintain an overall 2.0 GPA. Until the student completes 12 hours, they are considered to be an associate member and cannot vote during the elections.

-Tori Ladd



photo by Larrie King

(Front Row) Michael Herren, Alisan Roberts, Stephanie Quinn, Haven Barnes, Sarah Clarius, Amanda Roe, Jorge Cantu, Danielle Kenny, Valerie Powell, Becky Edwards. (Back Row) Isaac Powell, Quentin Dunn, Leslie Gruesbeck, Matt DeFord, Larrie King

Ladies of Achievement

major achievers

The title almost says it all. Ladies of Achievement is an organization strongly devoted to recognizing students for their achievements, but it's not just for ladies; it's open to men as well.

The group promotes service contributions to the NSU and local community; unity, strength, academic achievements and a lifestyle that is morally, spiritually and socially uplifting. President Ashely Acker, senior social work major said.

After being a group for only one year, they have already managed to have some notable achievements. The group chose to focus on their "major achievers theme" and recognize students who excelled in their major.

Donyelle Clark, senior English major, was one of two people who applied and was accepted to the Experience Korea School Program.

Ladies of Achievement is dedicated to striving for excellence in education, empowering its constituents and achieving, Acker said.

"We address social, economical and health issues through community based programs," Acker said. "We strive to uphold our faith, leadership and service to others along with our allegiance to family community and our country."

Members of Ladies of Achievement must be full-time students at NSU or BPCC and be able show high measures in academics, campus involvement, work ethic, community involvement, interpersonal skills and communication.

-Trecey Rew



Photo by Larrie King



(Front Row) Ryan Jester, Matthew Morrison, Patrick Braks, Kevin Clarkston, Timothy Gattie, Ashley Brawn, Larrie King (Second Row) Jared Gaspard, Charlie Bass, Jake Adams, Melissa Long, Tiffany Caudill, Cami Ambeau (Third Row) Tara Luck, Heather Smith, Geneva McAuliffe, Coty Verdin, Khirsten Daalan, Erin Mayfield

Lambda

raising awareness and providing support

LAMBDA is a gay rights symbol, originating in the 80s, that became a non-profit gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender agency dedicated to reducing homophobia, inequality, hate crimes and discrimination by encouraging self-acceptance, cooperation and non-violence.

While the organization does not officially recognize collegiate chapters, NSU uses the symbol to represent its support and acceptance for homosexual, bisexual and transgendered individuals on campus.

"Instead of outright resistance, we get a lot of apathy. You know, ignoring, not caring," Tim Gattie, senior language and communications major, said. "Because of that, the way I see it, is that LAMBDA isn't so much a rights advocacy group here on campus as it is a support group."

LAMBDA has 15 members, its highest enrollment since its formation in 2005.

They held two major events this year along with other smaller activities. In the spring, the organization hosted the Day of Silence on April 25. Participants agreed not to speak for an entire day to represent the voices that have been silenced through discrimination in the past. Participants, who do not have to be members, passed out cards to describe to others why they are doing it.

"We're becoming much more visible," Gattie said. "I

mean we're actually going out and involving ourselves in campus life."

In October, LAMBDA held National Coming Out Day to raise awareness and be visible on campus. To do this, the members set up a booth in the Friedman Student Union and gave away Skittles and Storbusts.

Gattie said every year they put up a banner for people to write notes of support on. The first year they put up a poster, someone defaced it. Since then, there have not been any negative actions toward the group.

"It's becoming, to society in general, so much less of an issue that the campus doesn't necessarily need change its policies to support it, except to just let it exist," Gattie said. "I don't see any huge issues on the campus that need to be resolved."

LAMBDA hosted other activities throughout the year like gay-themed movie nights, with a special transgender-themed movie night for Transgender Day of Remembrance in November.

Also in November a few members traveled to Shreveport to take part in a nation-wide protest against the passage of Proposition 8 in California.

LAMBDA also participated in Homecoming Hunnies lip sync and bonner contest.

- Kero Simon

Lifted Voices

ministries to sing about

For students who want to spread the word of God and bring people to Christ through music, Lifted Voices is the right organization.

Lifted Voices spreads music and passion around Louisiana through various programs, concerts and church events.

Among the programs were spring and fall concerts on campus that featured guest choirs from high schools, local churches and colleges.

"There's always an atmosphere of worship. (You) can always be yourself," Lisa Watson, junior social work major, said. "(You) don't have to pretend to be something that you're not."

The friendly atmosphere and passion of each member makes Lifted Voices a unique organization.

Community work is a huge priority to Lifted Voices. The group sang at various programs. They raised the spirits of Adult Day Care Center members and sang at DOVES programs.

Lifted Voices members enjoy serving God through songs and welcome any NSU student who loves to sing.

"Our passion is for singing and doing the will of God through our singing ministry," Watson said.

-Taylor Graves



(Front Row) Jacqueline Parter, Patrice Cahee, Kimberly Williams, Candice Ratliff, Marea Webb, Henry Kirts, Danielle Washington, Angelisa Watson (Second Row) Leah Darden, Angela Webb, Cynthia Dixan, Jamar Ferguson, Ora Marris, Jennifer Pinkstan, Andrea Martin, Leland Brawn, Jasmine Richardsan, Denzel Dadgett (Third Row) Tiffany Frazier, Antainette Williams, Jaysun Weams, Davis Sylvester, Kim Waads, Ebany Wilridge, Shardia Adesala (Forth Row) Raasevelt Porter

Louisiana Scholars' College Forum

adding fun to the mix

For more than 10 years, the Louisiana Scholars' College Forum has been the student government of the Scholars' College, organizing events, campaigning causes and trying to put a little fun into the lives of students.

Forum President Ashley Schoppe, senior liberal arts major, points out the organization is truly run by all scholars, not simply the Forum Council.

"We organize all the student events. The Council just organizes things, but the Forum is made up of all the students in Scholars," Schoppe said.

The Council organizes several major events each year, including the Halloween Food Fair, where students and professors prepare and eat a variety of food, take part in a costume contest, and participate in a 'whodunit' murder mystery.

The formal, held in the spring, resembles a prom,

but it also serves to honor graduating students. Events like these are designed to build rapport between students and instructors.

The Forum also supports the Heart for Chelsea fund. In 2000, Scholars' alumna Chelsea Umbach was diagnosed with primary pulmonary arterial hypertension and now awaits a costly transplant. The Forum raises money through selling 'Heart for Chelsea' pins in several Natchitoches restaurants and in Morrison Hall.

"The fund raises money for Chelsea. She needs a double lung and heart transplant," Schoppe said.

The Forum hosts several other events, such as the Freshman Food Fair, a Trivial Pursuit tournament, and a semi-formal held in December to honor fall graduates.

-Erick Chelette





photo by Danielle Kenny

(Front Row) Maryann Mbaka, Tamara Callins, Krista Farch, Ivanyka Perkins (Second Row) Jennifer Riddick, Natalyn Sanmer, Savannah Chavitee, Krysta Engel, Rabin Williams, Jaleesa Garth (Third Row) Gabe Walker, Stephanie Mantgamery, Jash Fage, Jin Cheng (Fourth Row) Yassah, Dr. Phifer

Mu Epsilon Delta

desire to make a difference

Medical professionals hold lives in their hands. They can be the cure or the cause of pain.

That's why Mu Epsilon Delta (MED) is dedicated to producing better-informed pre-health professionals.

MED is a pre-health organization that gives students the opportunity to perform health-related and community service.

"I am planning to go to medical school and eventually a medical mission," President Jin Cheng, senior biology major, said.

MED helps its members realize the dedication and community service required to be a pre-health professional.

Members of the organization tutor at the Boys and Girls club and volunteer at the hospital.

The organization is open to any pre-health professional who has a desire for community service.

-Trecey Rew



National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

ensuring equality and
lending a hand

Present on campus is a life-changing organization that serves as fair regime for all students.

NSU's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was re-charted in Fall 2005.

The NAACP founded nearly a century ago, on February 12, 1909, was built on the joint courage of thousands of people of all races, nationalities and faiths.

On, February 12, 2009, NAACP celebrated the organization's 100th birthday. NAACP is the nation's oldest civil rights organization. NAACP's objective is to promote and ensure equality and civil rights for all people.

Along with equal rights for all, community service is also important.

This semester, members repainted the rails of the bridge in front of the Friedman Student Union.

The group also cleaned up the courtyard in the student union hoping to make the courtyard useful again for the students.

Currently there are 40 active members. To become a member of the campus NAACP chapter, you must be in good standing with the university and pay a chapter fee of

\$10 per semester.

"In our chapter, just about everything that we do has a purpose in educating and uplifting the campus and the community," President Marquis Montgomery, junior computer information system major, said.

In addition to community service, NAACP has hosted a movie night and a social, where members discussed different subjects pertinent to the community and a financial literacy forum, where a speaker discussed investment options for college students.

They also hosted a booth at Helping Hands' annual Fall Fest.

This past year, the Justice Bash, held in April, was based around raising voter awareness and giving information on the potential presidential candidates. During the event members auctioned prizes.

"I personally get the most fulfillment out of seeing so many people come together in doing things that help contribute to NSU in a certain way," Montgomery said.

-Tori Ladd



(Front Row) Gecyko Williams, Chosity McClendon, Ronnie Woshington, Morqus Montgomery, Lotoyo Bowman, Adris Moffett **(Middle Row)** Soscie James, Cotino Sowyer, Jorred Keller, Adriah Deloy, Bionco Blesoe, Moreo Webb, Condice Rotliff, Seth Johnson, Schbrett Lewis, Anesho Roberson, Bridget Scott, Shomorcus Gray **(Back Row)** Hosim Jones, Kendall Vinning, Chelseo Zeno, Shordai Adesolo, Morkenio Boutte, Patrick Brooks, Christopher Oyeku, Sherdriko Fowler, Sovono Simien, Victorio Corrillo, Monique Chochere, Michael Hill, Jeremy Thomas



Natchitoches-Northwestern Horn Society

music: the universal language

Music is often misinterpreted as just something pretty or hip to listen to in the car or in an elevator, but the Natchitoches-Northwestern Horn Society found the ability to use music as a communication tool.

"So much is tied up in words," Aaron Williams, senior music education major, said. "There are certain boundaries put on communication if all you use is words. There are no boundaries in music. Music is music, and no one can put anything else to it."

The Horn Society is a performing ensemble on campus composed of 14 musicians.

"It enables us to be ambassadors for the university," Williams said. "We can represent our careers. It is a professional organization."

The society toured southern Louisiana, visiting about five high schools to recruit for the Creative and Performing Arts department, and went to Denver during the summer for the International Horn Symposium.

There they premiered Williams' "Scherzetto for Eight Horns" for horn players around the world.

The Scherzetto, based off the piano works by Thanatip Zitirawong, Thailand composer, was originally written for a class assignment and was then taken on by the Horn Society.

"It was cool to get international recognition for the university and studio," Williams said. "It is neat how international music is."

At the convention, the students were able to attend seminars about teaching and playing the horn, attend recitals and concerts, and participated in a group warm-up.

The Horn Society became an RSO last year, and in addition to going on tours, they also host recitals and performances on campus.

"(The society) is intense," Madeline Morrow, senior music performance major, said. "It is a lot of hard work, but I have enjoyed the challenge."

-Bethany Frank



(Front Row) Jared Desata, Adam Black, Mary Osteen (Second Row) Dr. Kristine Careil, Madeline Morrow (Third Row) Jessica Lapez, Kali Davenport, Aaron Williams (Fourth Row) Sean McGill, Stephanie Ojeda, Tara Reed (Fifth Row) Charlie Thompson, Ronald Galleher, Dylan Blanchard

National Association of Black Journalists

voices heard through unity

Everyone has a voice, and it is the job of a journalist to ensure that voice is heard. But who ensures the journalist is heard?

The National Association of Black Journalists was founded in 1975 in Washington, DC, and came to campus in 2000.

The organization enables black journalists to band with other journalists and help support minorities in a case of unfair situations, President Octavia Bolds, senior journalism major, said.

The NSU chapter is composed of about ten members who assist other organizations with service projects, host forums and hold fundraisers.

NABJ worked with the student chapters of Society of Professional Journalists and the Public Relations Association of Louisiana to help with journalism programs. The organizations provided a Halloween party for journalism students, that included a costume contest and a journalism movie.

Members of the organization also spoke at and assisted with Journalism Day, when high school students come to campus and attend journalism workshops and competitions hosted by the journalism department.

NABJ also distributed "facts and treats" for the presidential election on Halloween in the Friedman Student Union. The candy had facts about each candidate and voting rules for students.

"It's important for journalists to be involved in any event," Bolds said. "We wanted to help people understand the candidates and the election process."

NABJ also helped the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with the Fall Fest in October when different organizations provided entertainment for students. NABJ set up a table of three different games: Mather May I?, Simon Says and Red Light, Green Light.

"It was good to see everyone come together," Brian Welch, sophomore journalism major, said. "(The) campus is diverse, but it lacks the cohesiveness. It was beautiful to see everyone working as one."

NABJ helps bring the journalism department and people from all walks of life as one, Welch said.

"Unity is important because there's not enough. There's talk of it, idealistically, but people don't do anything," Welch said.

-Bethany Frank



(Front Row) Notasha Anderson, Charde Kelly, Shandranika Reynolds, Hope McFarland, Gecyca Williams, Chasity Taylor (Back Row) Dr. William Braussard, Corey Taylor, Tori Ladd, Kristi George, Octavia Bolds, Angela Owusu-Duku



(Front Row) Marie Richards, Elisabeth Pierite, Robyn Stambaugh (Back Row) Taashina Pierite, F.J. Delphin, Michael Ashworth

Native American Culture Association

heritage to learn about

Some believe Native American culture is a thing of the past. However, the culture and heritage is still alive today, especially at NSU.

The Native American Culture Association promotes the history and understanding of Native American culture.

"I started this organization way back in 2003, and it has always been to promote culture and history and/or native people that are on campus that want to join," Founder/President Mike Ashworth, junior heritage resource major, said.

"I don't want to say it's exactly a brotherhood, but one of the points my wife and I were trying to do was make it where we're all friends trying to learn about our history," he said.

The organization isn't exclusively for Native Americans. There aren't any specific requirements,

except that a student has an interest in learning about Native American culture, Ashworth said.

"The main thing is don't bring hate," Ashworth said. "Nobody's treated differently ... it just doesn't make any sense, and when you are a minority it makes no sense to hate on everybody else."

The organization participates in everything from pow wows, a gathering of North America's Native people, to bake sales.

"We've also had speakers come in and talk about their tribe and their affiliation, or we have teachers come in and talk," Ashworth said.

Ashworth said he founded the organization because he always wanted to work with Native American people and help them in any way possible.

- Shelita Dalton





photo by Danielle Kenny

NSU Angels

demons' advocates

They were sent from heaven to cheer for the Demon Basketball team and promote school spirit.

NSU Angels was a booster club that provided support and small gifts for the men's basketball team.

"During games we try to build school and team spirit by cheering for the players," President Shardai Adesola, senior secondary education and mathematics major, said.

"(The players) appreciate that students support the basketball team when they do well and when they don't," Adesola said.

Although the group's goals are positive, the members are sometimes misjudged.

"Some people who do not know the organization give us the stereotype that we are groupies of the basketball team," Adesola said. "We take (those) opinions in stride. There is no reason to be upset. We are an organization like many on NSU's campus trying to build school spirit."

The 13-member group was founded in spring 2004. Every fall members assisted with the basket auction where member of the Demon Basketball team are auctioned to the highest bidder.

In the spring the organization participated in a plate lunch fundraiser in which a percentage of the funds were given to Cancer vs. Coaches, an on-campus project to raise cancer awareness and give money for cancer research.

Members of the organization must be full-time students at NSU, have a 2.5 GPA and have an outgoing personality.



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-Trecey Rew

Phi Alpha Theta

learning from yesterday to change tomorrow

Who said that going back in time was impossible? The members of the Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta visit the past frequently by exploring movies and literature of the past.

Phi Mu Alpha is a national history honor society open to any student with at least 3.1 GPA in history classes, an overall 3.0 or above GPA, 12 hours of history classes, in the top 15 percent of their class and has a love for history.

During the club's regular meetings, they watch and discuss historical movies and have guest lecturers speak on historical research.

While the club cannot change the past, they can change the future. This year the relatively small club has taken on some big community service projects.

Phi Alpha Theta participated in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" where shoe boxes filled with school supplies, toys and everyday hygiene objects were sent to children in foreign countries; helped the North Central Historical Association run meetings, serve

and clean; helped run regional social studies fair and organized a book sale where donated text books were sold to raise money for their end of the year banquet.

Every March the organization hosts the Phi Alpha Theta Louisiana Regional Conference where historians and Phi Alpha Theta members have a chance to present research. This year's event was held in Monroe, La., with Dr. Marietta LeBreton as the guest speaker.

Vice President Robert Abernathy, senior liberal arts and history major, presented at the conference. He said the conference helps him to creatively apply his love and knowledge of history to life.

"[The history field] becomes more competitive on the doctoral level," President Rebecca McManamy said. "The conference allows us to get our feet wet in a friendly environment."

The organization offers national scholarships for graduate school, member awards and the opportunity to have books published.

-Trecey Rew



(Front Row) Stacy Meyers, Rebecca McManamy, Lauren Michel (Back Row) Robert Abernathy, Christina Lake, William Guillet



Photo by Dan

(From Left) Bryant Weldon, Lillian Hare, Christine Neil, Catina Sawyer

Psi Chi

the bigger picture

The Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology is working hard to tackle the issues psychologists face today.

"All of our meetings (this year) were structured around big topics in psychology, including different disorders," President Bryant Weldon, senior psychology major, said.

Students who are a part of the organization are able to learn from guest speakers and psychology professors at the university.

"A professor came and talked to us all about graduate school and how to prepare in psychology and what (we) need to be doing as far as getting with professors and doing research internships," Weldon said.

The students reached out beyond NSU this year and raised money for the Gamir Foundation. The charity provides scholarships to take young girls off of the streets of Nepal and place them in schools. The cost of sending a girl to school for one year is \$100.

"We raised \$800 so we will be able to send eight girls to school for one year," Weldon said.

The members also spent some time helping out on campus, by teaching entry-level courses on stress management.

- Sarah Cramer



Photo by Kera Simon

Psychology Club

figuring it out

Psychologists spend their careers trying to solve the mysteries of the mind.

The NSU Psychology Club's purpose, however is to help psychology majors solve the mysteries of the department curriculum, getting their degree and a letter of recommendation.

"The club's purpose is to educate psychology majors and psychology minors in pursuing their education," President Catina Sawyer said.

While the club has had a sporadic presence in the department through the years, its current administration has been active since 2003. In the spring the group holds a Student/Faculty Pow Wow, a small gathering where

students and teachers get a chance to interact with one another.

The club also hosts fundraisers to collect money for various activities, including trips to seminars. For service projects, they usually join forces with other organizations within the psychology department.

"We do a lot of joint service projects with the other psychology organization Psi Chi," Sawyer said.

In order to become a part of the Psychology Club, students must be psychology majors.

-Kevin Clarkston

Purple Jackets

the highest honor

Jackets' fashions may have changed, but for the 17 members of Purple Jackets, their mission has not.

Founded in 1926, the Purple Jackets are the oldest student organization on campus, serving as the official hostesses of NSU.

Purple Jackets remain the "highest honor" for women, President Akilah Givens said.

For eligibility students must possess a cumulative 3.0 GPA, be involved in at least two recognized student organizations while holding at least one officer position, be a junior or senior and be interested in community service.

"There is no official interview in the process," sponsor and faculty adviser Frances Concine said. "We hold a mandatory meet and greet where the ladies get to know one another."

The Purple Jackets work hand in hand with university President Dr. Randall Webb. They work events such as the scholarship and graduation reception, career day, job fair, blood drives, the President's Box at football games and any other events representing NSU.

"Our main job is to help the president and his wife with university events," Givens said. "We serve as Northwestern State University leaders"

The Purple Jackets look forward to getting involved with the Alumni Center in the upcoming year.

"We really want to forge ahead and work more with Alumni," Concine said.

This year, the Purple Jackets will host a banquet to honor their alumni.

"I am really excited to put names to faces," Historian Markenia Boutte (major and classification) said.

As the oldest organization on campus, the women involved have made NSU history, continuing to serve as a public and community service organization.

For these women, university service never goes out of style.

-Ashley Millhouse



Rodeo Team

rounding 'em up

We're not talking about just another rhinestone cowboy. The two members of the Rodeo Club are the real deal and take passion to a whole new level.

"Rodeo is real important to us. I mean, we eat, sleep and breathe rodeo," Daniel Brister, senior industrial engineer major, said. "And it's not just like some ol' regular club."

Codie Poe, freshman accounting major, is the more active member of the club. Poe competed in all five of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeos this semester representing NSU. He earned second place at the McNeese rodeo on Oct. 30 and finished tenth at the first rodeo of the semester at Northeast Texas Community College on Oct. 3. He also competes in two amateur circuits—Louisiana Rodeo Cowboy Association and the United Professional Rodeo Association.

Brister, on the other hand, competes only in an amateur league, TriState Rodeo Association, since the club lost its funding from NSU back in 2005. He also said he wants to focus more on school this year, so it's not ideal for him to compete in both collegiate and amateur circuits.

Both Brister and Poe started participating in rodeos at young ages. Brister picked steer wrestling when he was 13 years old, while Poe began roping calves at youth rodeos when he was about six.

"Our families have been involved in rodeo when

they were our age," Poe said. "We've been raised around it our entire life. It's kinda bred in us, you can say."

The Rodeo Club has been an active student organization for about 20 years, faculty advisor Jack Pace said.

"This is not your tobacco-chewing, broad-hat wearing stereotypical rodeo we're talking about," Pace, an associate biological science professor, said. "The participants are students and there are rules they have to follow."

Registered members of the NIRA must have a 2.0 GPA and be in good standing with the university while taking at least 12 hours. Students have six years after their high school graduation to become NIRA members and compete in saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying.

Poe and Brister compete in amateur rodeos as a stepping stone toward becoming professional rodeo cowboys. They both grew up watching their rodeo heroes in packed arenas, and hope to become just as successful.

"It's just a dream we have, and one day it will become a reality," Brister said.

"A dream of being a professional rodeo cowboy," Poe finished.

-Kera Simon





Serious Dance Praise Ministry

dancing with a purpose

Most people think of dancing as a fun, carefree pastime, a way to shake off the stress of school and work.

For the members of Serious Praise Dance Ministry however, dance means much more than working up a sweat.

"(Serious Praise's) purpose is to uplift and inspire people in the community through dance," Recording Secretary Brittany Scott, sophomore nursing major, said.

Serious Praise started as a part of NSU's Lifted Voices Gospel Choir, before becoming a separate organization in 2002. While the group still works with Lifted Voices, they also have their own events, such as "An Evening of Praise," a spring recital in which the group performs liturgical dance moves to gospel songs.

"Last year we had two other dance groups and a

gospel choir," Scott said.

The group is also active in the community and eager to share their talents.

"We dance at local churches, nursing homes and other community events," she said. Scott said those who want to join do not have to be professional dancers, but only need a belief in God and the spiritual power of dance.

"You have to believe in God," she said. "If you don't have a background in liturgical dance, we'll help you."

-Kevin Clarkston

Soccer Club

showing off their skills

At first glance the Soccer Club could be seen as an organization reserved only for members of the soccer team.

However, the organization was started for students who aren't a part of the collegiate team. Club members participate in several soccer events and tournaments.

"We went to a tournament at Louisiana Tech University, and we also play against high school and local soccer teams," President Baylon Johnson, sophomore mathematics education major said.

Johnson said the group is trying to participate in

more college tournaments and recruit new members. The only membership requirement is a willingness to play soccer. The club offers more than that however.

"It's actually fun and you get to meet new people and learn different things," Johnson said.

The game of soccer requires a variety of skills. The soccer club offers students the chance to use them.

- Shelita Dalton



Social Work Club

dare to make a difference

Community service is the name of the game for the NSU Social Work Club. The Social Work Club is a group of students dedicated to helping the entire community of Notchitoches.

"We like to help the community as a whole as much as possible," Krystal Onellion, senior social work major, said.

The official purpose of the Social Work Club is to promote the development of undergraduate social work education at NSU, to provide fellowship and support for students majoring in social work, to explore issues relevant to the profession of social work and the institution of social welfare, and to encourage understanding and appreciation of social work among the NSU student body and faculty.

"We help with D.O.V.E.S.'s 'Take Back the Night' candle-light vigil to support abuse victims and visit Notchitoches nursing homes," Social Work Club President

Bryon Johnson, sophomore social work major, said "My favorite is Gumbo at the Gozebo at o Notchitoches nursing home. It's just a fun experience."

The club also hosts guest speakers who share their personal experiences in the field of social work and offer advice to students. These visits also introduce some of the many different occupational options for a social work major such as hospice care.

"The club is really to help out the community in any way possible and to teach students about social work careers," Johnson said.

Members of all majors are welcome, not just social work. All that is required is a desire to help where help is needed. The club meets every other Monday to discuss service opportunities and vote on which project to dedicate their time and effort toward.

With 11 members and over 100 volunteer hours under their belts, the NSU Social Work Club aims to reach as many people as possible.

- Bobbie Hoyes



Colby Bizette, Bryan Johnson, Chelsea Stelly, Allison Cousin

Society for Heritage Resources

history and opportunity

Heritage resources is more than just the upkeep of old headstones in local cemeteries. The Society for Heritage Resources strives to inform its members about the opportunities in this vast and blossoming field.

"A lot of students in this major look at Heritage Resources with a narrow view. Like we can only do this in Natchitoches or we can only do this in the United States," President Joshua Martin, heritage resources graduate student, said. "And we as a club really want to broaden the idea, that no-- these things go on all around the world."

The Society of Heritage Resources organized a lecture series that runs from fall to spring. In the spring of 2008, the lectures concentrated as a supplement to the classroom, with topics detailing techniques for landscape survey, materials conservation and limewashing. Representatives from the National Center for Heritage Resources were the main speakers for that series.

Martin said the fall lecture series took a more global approach by concentrating on the personal experiences of people within the field and the travels

they took part in. The topics started locally, with assistant professor of sculpture Matt Deford discussing his boating excursion down Cane River, then branched outside the country. Michael Yankowski, assistant fine arts professor, discussed his experiences with topics of heritage resources while in China; Sinclair discussed his grant-financed trip to Zimbabwe, and heritage resources graduate student Suzanne Graham held a lecture about her summer trip to Italy to excavate burials in medieval churches.

"That's one of our main goals, to broaden what we do outside of the classroom and really get into the community and do stuff," Martin said.

The members of the society participate in a few community activities, like the St. Patrick's Day parade, the Kate Chopin House clean-up, the Catto conference, Southeastern Basket Weaver's Association Basket Day and the Bredatown Cemetery clean-up with other organizations. They also took part in and raised \$300 for the Alzheimer's Walk during the Meat Pie Festival.

-Kera Simon



(Front Row) Ashley Constance, Marie Richards, Cat Lobre, Amando Poul, Florence Brown, Aubrey Brown (Back Row) Dr. Tommy Hoiley, Courtney Cloy, Dean Bornes, Rondoll Hart, Scott Williams, Ryan Smith, Dr. Elisabeth Guin



Society for Professional Journalists

raising the standards

Everyone has a code. A set of rules they live by. But who ensures people follow these rules or are even aware of them?

The Society of Professional Journalists is an organization for students to network, develop journalistic skills and learn a code of journalism ethics.

This year, the NSU SPJ chapter worked on regaining active status as an RSO after they were put on probation last year for missing meetings, President Kelli Fontenot, senior journalism major, said.

They had a hearing with the RSO board, attended Gavel Club meetings and submitted the appropriate paperwork in order to regain their RSO status.

In the fall, they worked with the journalism department's 41st annual JDay, when high school students came to campus and learn different aspects of journalism and participate in competitions ranging from photography and news writing to publication submissions.

They also worked with the student chapters of the National Association of Black Journalists, the Public Relations Association of Louisiana and the journalism department to host a Halloween-themed movie night for journalism students. The night included a costume contest and a journalism-themed movie, and provided students the opportunity to meet outside the classroom

with their peers and instructors.

In the fall, SPJ also cleaned up landscape around the past office.

"It was fun because we got to see each other outside of a formal meeting," Fontenot said.

This year, SPJ hoped to have a more active role on campus. In the spring, they planned to host a pajama party for journalism students and guests, hold fundraisers with portions of the funds going to charity, and go to high schools and work with students regarding journalism and ethics.

"People don't know what (journalism) means," Fontenot said. "It includes a wide variety not limited to TV"

Using the code of ethics, SPJ hoped to provide a guidepost for students pursuing a journalism career. They wanted to provide information students could use in both their reporting and writing, and ensure students understand the importance of reporting all angles.

"(It is) impossible to be completely objective, but it is a goal," Fontenot said. "SPJ is an organization that promotes ethics in journalism. (We can) lay the ground work for future generations."

-Bethany Frank



(Front) Josef Cunningham, Sussette Lone, Dornisho Homm, Whitney Mixon, Orelia R. Lowdins (Back) Bill Housel, Mark o. Melder, Terri Lewis-Winegeort, Olymbio Childress

Sociology Club

finding the answers

Ever wonder about interactions between people or cultures? Why one group of people acts one way, but another group acts another way? Then you might have an interest in sociology.

NSU's Sociology Club gave students "the opportunity to expand their involvement in issues that are relevant to their studies in sociology and to gain exposure to a depth of knowledge that exceeds that available in the classroom," Adviser Dr. Mark Melder, assistant professor of sociology, said.

This year, the organization focused on issues of poverty, domestic violence, crime and other social injustices. Coinciding with these issues, the Sociology Club

raised funds for various organizations including DOVE.S and relief for Darfur.

The club hosted regular monthly meetings and movie nights, when movies with relevant sociological themed issues were watched and discussed.

Dr. Melder, who was a member as an undergraduate, said he hopes students gain "a better understanding of the society around them and insight into the many possibilities for sociology."

While most students in the organization are sociology majors and minors, the club is open to any student with an interest in sociological ideas.

-Trecey Rew

Spanish Club

culture and awareness

For the last five years, the Spanish Club has worked to promote awareness of Hispanic culture and change outsiders' perceptions of what it means to be Hispanic. The club attempts to do so by hosting activities designed to introduce students both to Hispanic culture and to other students.

The Spanish Club is not exclusive to Hispanic students. Club President Jessica Black stressed the importance of the club's purpose.

"You don't have to be Spanish or even speak it. Most members are either in or taking Spanish classes, but that isn't a requirement," Black said.

The Spanish Club does the bulk of its work between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, which is National Hispanic Heritage Month. During this time the club held several events, including a breakfast, Salsa Night and a Spanish

Bingo Night. The club also held a Spanish music jam, where a local band, Them Jazz Cats, played Spanish tunes for students.

According to Black, the club received considerable help in planning for events from the Office of Culture and Diversity.

"We want to thank Diane Jones and the Office of Culture and Diversity. She was great in helping us," Black said.

Black pointed out that in a country so influenced by our neighboring Hispanic country, it is important to note the Hispanic culture the club embraces comes from a variety of Hispanic nations.

"We don't want people to think that every Hispanic has to be from Mexico," Black said.

-Erick Chelette



(Front Row) Meagan Authement, Danielle Messer, Jessica Black, Jacob Starks (Back Row) Jose Hernandez, Michelle Manuel, Dana Hart, Elizabeth Robichaux, Whitney Wilson, Lenna King



Student Activities Board

something to do

"There's nothing to do in Natchitoches." Those six words are repeated hundreds, possibly thousands of times, every day in the conversations of NSU students. The Student Activities Board seeks to change that attitude.

"(SAB's purpose is) to bring educational and fun events on campus and to promote student life," Committee Chair Lady of the Bracelet Julia Anderson, senior social work major, said. SAB hosted a variety of events intended to get students involved in campus life.

"We did paintball wars," Anderson said. The group also hosted movie nights in the Friedman Student Union.

The most popular fall event was Homecoming Week. With the theme "Party Like A Rock Star," activities included a banner contest, a lip sync competition, where members of different student organizations performed a dance routine, and Homecoming Hunnies.

Anderson said the reason Homecoming week is so popular is because of the spirit of competition among organizations, particularly fraternities and sororities.

"It's so popular because it's Homecoming," she said. "It's promoted a lot more and a lot of people

compete."

SAB also does several service projects throughout the year, such as Random Acts of Kindness, where students were served peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

"We've done service events such as Recycling Day," Anderson said. A homeless shelter event, held in the spring, is designed to raise money and draw attention to the problem of homelessness in Natchitoches.

SAB meets twice a week to discuss upcoming events and get progress reports from the head of each committee. Student Government Association representatives also attend to give updates on their activities.

To become a voting member of SAB, a student must fill out an application. While SAB board members vote on the six committee leader positions, the student body votes for SAB representatives at large in campus-wide elections. Any student can volunteer for a SAB committee.

-Kevin Clarkstan

Student Government Association

of the students, for the students

The Student Government Association is looking to the past, examining the present and improving the future.

This is the 125th Anniversary of NSU and SGA wants to make this the best year that it can possible be," Student Body President Cady Bourque said regarding 2008-2009 school year. "We want to be able to look back with high regards for the things we have accomplished. We want to secure the best possible future for the students. We have a lot of work to do and things change day by day."

SGA is focusing on creating a more productive learning environment for NSU students. Each member from the staff works hard all year to ensure students are provided with the best services, from computer technology to new vending machines in each building.

This year members are working along side the faculty and staff to promote service learning. "We are looking more to service learning and we are teaming

up with Steven Gruesbeck, director of service learning, to achieve this goal," Vice President of SGA Mark Daniels said.

SGA is also an organization that helps with the community. This year they are focusing on "Are You Ready", a program that provide middle school children the chance to prepare for college. This is a state-wide mentoring program that gives underprivileged students the opportunity to learn about what it takes to go to college. SGA is also working extremely close with the Red Cross for hurricane disaster relief.

-Kris Barton



(Front) Maryann Mboko, Cassie Cannon, Victorio Corrillo, Kayla Wingfield, Anesho Roberson, Chris Sonders, Lauren Michel, Megon Cullen, Diane Daniels, Kyle Domangue, Shanice Major, Lyssa Littleton, Demarcus Carlin, Mark Daniels (Back) Cody Bourque, Mathew Morrison, Marcus Sanders, Josh Russell, John Mills, Jason Thibodeaux, Corey Joachim, Tim Gattie, Chelsea Zeno

Speech and Debate Team

return to dominance

After almost a decade, the Speech and Debate team has returned to campus. The team has only been back since 2006, but has already won an overall tournament championship.

"If enough students show involvement, we can return to the powerhouse we were in the '90s," President Paul Shelton, junior liberal arts and political science major said.

The group was revived as a debate club, but has now grown into a 14-member team that competes both locally and nationally.

Debates keep participants educated on current events, and make them well versed in several topics. Debaters must be able to think fast and express thought rationally. Most importantly, personal feelings have to be left at the door, Shelton said.

"It has helped me with my speaking skills, manage

thoughts and feel comfortable speaking in front of strangers about things I'm not too knowledgeable about," Shelton said. "The biggest thing is the confidence you gain."

Debates are judged on content, speaking skills and debate etiquette.

Now into their third year, the team has reached a crossroads. The original members are nearing graduation and the team needs new blood.

"We're starting to see some of those internal problems and things aren't functioning as well as they could," Shelton said.

The team plans to host five debates at NSU and will travel to state and national tournaments in the spring.

-Trecey Rew



(Front) Tiffany Kawana-Waugh, Tammy Craghan, Jahn Craghan, Karaski Melain (Back) Caty Verdin, Toni Menard, Paul Shelton, Thomas Bolton (Not Pictured) Jashua Nuss, Brian James, Tim gattie, Peigen Drummand, Nicale Grissom, Mitchell Llyayd, Kimberly Cascio, Melissa Lang, Ashley Brown

Students in Free Enterprise

business and leadership

By using five major educational objectives—market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business ethics—Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) are being groomed to be great community leaders.

SIFE is a non-profit organization founded in 1975 in Springfield, Missouri and was chartered on NSU's campus in August 1994. SIFE is an international organization, and resides in 47 countries, 1,500 universities and has 38,000 student members. The NSU chapter currently has 21 members, who are guided by Free Enterprise Fellow Sam M. Walton, who serves as faculty advisor.

SIFE reaches out to the community to teach them about free enterprise. The organization currently works with the D.O.V.E.S. organization to show women in the area how to apply to for jobs and dress for interviews.

"The most fulfilling aspect of SIFE for me is getting to travel and meet new people," President Troci Jones, senior business administration major said. "Also we have chances to be introduced to some of the world's

largest companies -Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Wells Fargo, AT&T, Sprint, Business Week, etc - that are known well in America at our competitions."

SIFE showcases their community service projects along with other SIFE teams at annual series competitions. Teams submit a written annual report and give a live presentation displaying how their service projects impacted their community.

The competitions the students compete in are challenging, team-oriented events that motivate and reward them for continually improving the quality of their projects. They also provide a unique opportunity for the students, professors, and executives in attendance to connect, collaborate and learn from each other. SIFE won the Regional Competition in 2000.

There are no specific requirements to be a part of SIFE but to be a current NSU student and be willing to help the community grow.

- Tori Lodd





photo by Kyle Froeba

Tau Alpha Pi

honoring achievement

Founded in 1953, Tau Alpha Pi, a national engineering technology honor society, has offered engineering majors the opportunity to be recognized for their academic achievements.

"(Our purpose is) to provide engineering majors with honors and scholastics (they need) to succeed," Jacob Punch, junior IET major said.

The NSU chapter was formed in spring 2007.

The group, currently made up of 15 members, holds monthly meetings to discuss various projects. Membership is only available to engineering majors, who go through a review process before being accepted.

"You have to be inducted by a board of peers and professors," Punch said. Members must have an overall GPA of at least 3.2 and be a full-time student.

- Kevin Clarkson



photo by Danielle Kenny

(Front Row) Megan Goff, Lauren Gross, Leigh Guidry, Amber Pena, Sarah Cramer (Second Row) Heather Gross, Rebecca Lowe, Elisabeth Allison, Melinda Newman, Joshua Dacter (Third Row) Matt Preuett, Eric Guidry, Tyler Mitchell, Rev. Ellis Newman, Kathy Shaw, Sandy Timmans

The River

meet us on the hill

Beyond Greek letters and athletic organizations, members of The River believe in and stand behind something different: the love of Christ and spreading the gospel to students and the community.

The River was founded by Pastor Ellis Newman, who was also the founder of "The Foundation," which branched off to "The River." The River campus ministry then merged to the River Community Church. The River is an interdenominational organization that welcomes everyone from any religion.

"Any one can come and fit right in," said President Rebecca Lowe. "We have love for all people. We are a family."

There are no formal recruitment techniques to become a member of the organization. Members attend different expos to talk to incoming and current students, inform them on the organization and then invite them to become members. Each fall, The River hosts a boat

ride down Cane River. This event is for freshmen and NSU students to acquaint themselves and enjoy the spirit of Christ and fun activities like volleyball.

The current 20 members of The River love fellowship. The members meet every other Sunday and host several events like "Breakfast on the Bricks" where they congregate and eat breakfast downtown. They also provide a full course meal every Thursday. The River also held a donation drive called "Babies, Bears and Blankets." They made more than 250 baskets stuffed with baby dolls, teddy bears and blankets for children in foster care and people in nursing homes and hospices.

"My goal for The River is to make sure we are available to the campus," said Lowe. "I want to help people live for Christ and share the love"

- Kayla Wagner

Ultimate Frisbee

conglomerate of sports

Dead River, NSU's Ultimate Frisbee team, started about 10 years ago as a way for students to enjoy another kind of sport.

"It's a mixture of different sports so it clicked with me and gave me a passion," Tyler Mitchell, freshman business administration major, said.

The field is the same size as a football field, and every game starts with a kickoff. The technique of pivoting, taken from basketball, is used because players are not allowed to move after catching the Frisbee.

Although Ultimate Frisbee is a combination of many sports, it has complications other sports do not have.

"Wind changes everything," Corwin Barnes, sophomore theatre major, said. "That changes your routes and cuts and really changes the speed of the game."

A way to accommodate for wind is to throw a shorter, lower to the ground pass in the direction of the wind.

A person does not need to be skilled or athletically built to throw a Frisbee, but running around a football-sized field for hours against the wind can take a toll on the body.

People who do not run well or fast would do well

as a handler, a position similar to a football quarter back. Because the handler makes many passes throughout the game, he or she needs to know different passing techniques.

Ultimate Frisbee comes easier to some people than others, but everyone can develop a skill for the game, just like any other sport.

"Some people just have a hard time throwing a frisbee just like some people have a hard time shooting a basketball," Barnes said.

Ultimate Frisbee has become a sport on many other college campuses, and the team has played in many championships and tournaments against Louisiana State University, Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State and other colleges in the Southeastern Conference.

Along with the multiple Frisbees flying around, tournaments resemble big parties, and long-term friendships with other Ultimate Frisbee players are formed.

Through all the running and throwing, people continue to play Ultimate Frisbee because of the thrill it gives them.

"(It's) just a fun sport," Baylen Johnson, sophomore mathematical education major, said.

-Taylor Graves



(Front Row) Brett Pefferkorn, Blake Socia, Justin Daniels, Shelton Meacham (Back Row) Matt Mallory, Luke Creighton, Matt May, Timothy Mitchell, Joanna Snipes, Baylen Johnson, Michael Davis, Jason Linzay



Argus

finding a muse

For some a hurricane brings destruction. For the Argus it brought inspiration.

Since the mid-1970s, students have submitted literary works to the Argus, NSU's award-winning literary magazine.

The magazine has placed in the ACP Best of Show four times in the past five years, including receiving fourth place last year.

"A campus literary magazine allows students to share their work in a very concrete manner while giving the university something to show off as representative of the artistic talent on campus," Editor Katie Magana, English graduate student, said.

This year's seven-member executive board proofread and edited the submissions and discussed what submissions would best represent this year's theme.

"Disaster after disaster shattered expectations for the semester," Magana said. "Tragedy or sorrow is a muse, and so that is what we get."

Natural disasters are not the only things that can

bring destruction, and after much deliberation, the Argus decided "Shattered" as this year's theme.

It went beyond the hurricanes and went to a more personal level, Magana said.

One of the biggest challenges this year for the publication was soliciting submissions from writers and artists, Magana said.

"Argus is continuously seeking to find new amazing artists and to expand to reach new audiences in readership across the university," Magana said.

Once submissions have been received and the editorial board reviews them, staff members work with the design editor on the layout of the pages. While doing this, they try to ensure the theme is carried out throughout the book.

Once the editor and adviser have approved the book, it is sent to the printer in March and then distributed around campus.

-Bethany Frank



The Current Sauce

putting it out there

To be a mirror for the campus and report the news as it is has been the job of The Current Sauce since 1914.

Composed of about 15 people, the Sauce staff prints about 1500 papers each Wednesday throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Although the publication receives weekly critiques from the faculty advisers, the paper is completely student run in everything from writing and editing to layout and photography.

"It gives students a chance to express themselves, to be informed, to be part of something bigger than themselves and to be recognized," Leigh Gentry Guidry, editor in chief, said.

Producing the paper is not a simple task. The staff must find stories; edit them for content, grammar and Associated Press style; take photos and make graphics; organize the information on the InDesign page; export the file and send it to the Natchitoches Times. After the Times prints them and brings them to the campus, the freshman scholar distributes them around campus and Natchitoches.

"I enjoy seeing the final product, but I enjoy the process and the work that goes into producing the paper each week," Guidry, senior journalism major, said. "That process has brought many people into my life—people I love hanging out with and getting to know, people I may have never met if I wasn't a part of student media, people who have become some of my closest friends. The relationships go beyond the newsroom."

The Sauce has also posted all their editions on The Current Sauce Web site. While most of the campus enjoyed the week of missed classes due to Hurricane Gustav, the Sauce posted continuous updates on the site to inform students on the hurricane and the campus.

"We take our commitment seriously," Guidry said. "(The site) shows the future of journalism. The Internet is where most people—especially college-age people—get their news, and we want to stay on top of that."

-Bethany Frank

KNWD 91.7 FM

providing a voice

Voices can easily be hushed, but the DJs and staff members of KNWD 91.7 FM The Demon strive to ensure the students' voices are heard.

Reaching a 30-mile radius, the student-run radio station, composed of faculty and students from both NSU and the Louisiana School of Music, Science and the Arts, strives to play music that cannot be heard anywhere else, Richelle Stephens, general manager, said.

This year provided an outlet for different radio shows, including the Asses and Elephants political talk show hosted by Tim Gattie, a Republican, and Paul Shelton, a Democrat.

Stephens said Asses and Elephants received the most callers and listener interaction throughout the year.

Gattie and Shelton spoke on all the issues regarding the election, voting patterns and other relevant issues going on in the nation while covering both major political sides.

"It is good to get a show like that because it is fair and balanced," Stephens, senior journalism major, said. "(They are) very frank about things and very open about views. They cut through the crap very truthfully."

Other shows included "CAPA This Week" which highlighted the performing arts, interviewed cast members of recent theater productions, played recitals and covered the Creative and Performing Arts Department events.

Larrie King, graphic arts graduate student, also hosted a show "Young Folks with Jonny Doom" where he played Indie Rock.

This fall, the station began its first news magazine, "Demon Flashback" with the recommendation of the new faculty adviser, Dr. Heshom Mesbohi. With the assistance of radio news writing classes, KNWD was able to now bring not only music, but also news to the campus.

"We've lasted for 30 years because we could give our listeners something that no other radio station (in Natchitoches) could," Stephens said. "We carry that philosophy with us today and will adhere to it tomorrow and every day after that. In 30 years I think it'll be safe to say that we'll still be doing our own thing and enjoying every minute of it."

-Bethany Fronk



photo by Bethany Fronk

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pot-pour-ri (n)

a collection of miscellaneous literary extracts; any mixture, esp. of unrelated objects, subjects, etc.

Editor's Note:

To fully capture in its entirety the history of the Potpourri would take more than the few pages to follow. But what has been accomplished is a brief glimpse through the trials and tribulations and the joys of not only the publication, but lives of those who made it happen.

The editors' letters in this section have been edited for length and clarity.

The photos are all scanned from old Potpourri annuals.



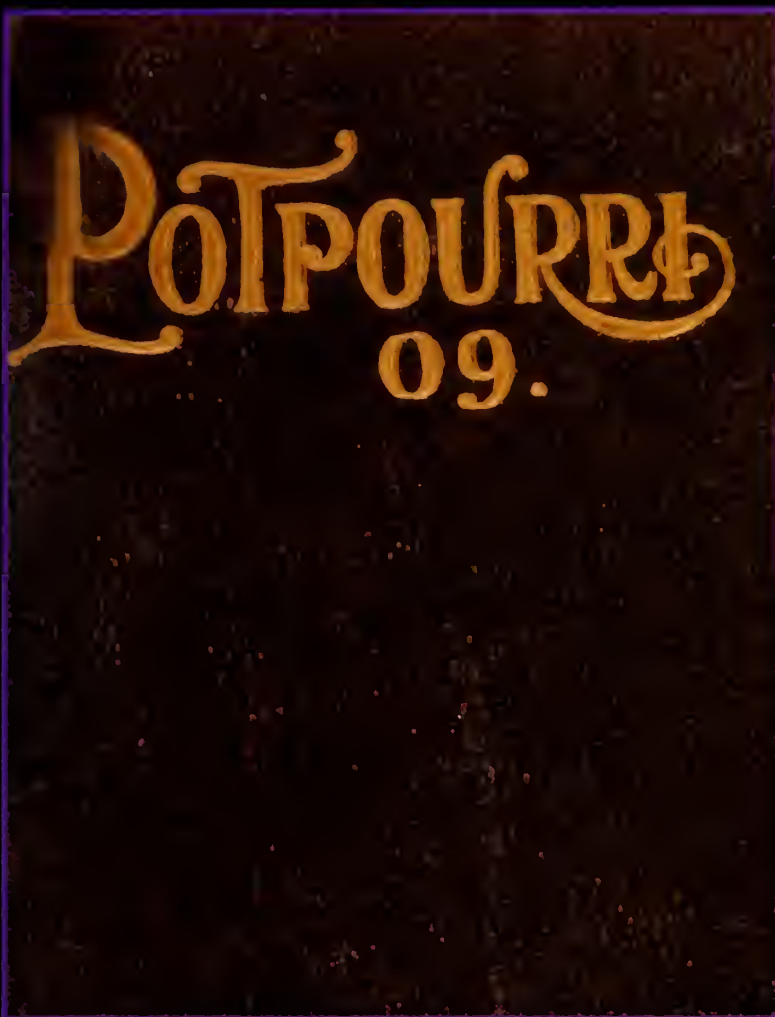
Kevin Clarkston
Copy Editor

The fall 2008 semester will probably go down as the five most hectic months of my college career. Along with the usual responsibilities of term papers, exams and homework, I charted new music and talked to music promoters as music director at KNWD, wrote feature stories for The Current Sauce and of course served as copy editor for the Potpourri.

At times my life felt like a blur of deadlines, articles and assignments. If I learned anything, it was the importance of scheduling and multi-tasking. There were times, particularly when everyone on staff decided to turn in their

stories simultaneously, that I never wanted to look at another story ever again. But then I'd get a glimpse of a page spread and know all the editing was worth it.

Working on the yearbook has been a challenging, stressful, but ultimately rewarding experience. Being copy editor has helped me understand the other side of the writing process, and being a part of the Potpourri staff has shown me what can be achieved when people work toward a common goal.



The 1909 Potpourri staff created a legacy that has survived it all. The annual only ceased publication for three years: 1918, 1920 and 1944 because of the World Wars.

What was once slightly over 100 pages and filled with classes, organizations' photos, literary works and advertisements, the Potpourri became a 304-page, award-winning publication supported solely on student fees.

In the year of 1908, a group of students met to discuss the possibilities of editing an annual for the graduating class of 1909.

After much discussion and many setbacks these young students managed to get the funds to cover the expenses of an annual.

President J. B. Aswell was largely responsible for the printing of the first Year Book.

In the spring of 1909 the students met to discuss a name for the book.

The meeting was held in the main auditorium and several names were suggested for the book, but by popular vote it was decided to call the book

"The Potpourri."

-1936 Potpourri



Sarah Cramer
Staff Writer

Being a staff writer for the Potpourri has been nothing short of a wild ride.

I signed my contract expecting to just earn some extra money and gain experience in the world of print journalism, but I came out with so much more than that.

I have made many new friends who were once just acquaintances. I have learned patience, because without it we would not have been able to work together as a team to put together such an amazing yearbook. I have perfected my skills as a journalist, not only in my writing, but in my photography and

communication skills, as well.

I have had an amazing time being on the Potpourri staff and I cannot wait until next year.

1912: Wilson elected president
1913: 16th and 17th Amendments passed
1914: World War 1 begins
 Panama Canal opens
1916: Wilson re-elected
 Margaret Sanger organizes NY Birth Control League
1917: U.S. Enters WW1
1918: No Potpourri because of World War 1
1919: Treaty of Versailles
 18th Amendment outlaws buying, selling, transporting of liquor

And they say
 "School days are
 your happiest days."
 -1910 Potpourri



1919 Potpourri Dedication

To the Normal Boys who entered our country's service this Potpourri is lovingly dedicated.

How or where or when our brave Normal soldiers died matters not. Whether they sleep on the shores of "Sunny France" or under bright Italian skies, or in our own dear American soil where their last resting places are tenderly cared for, their spirits still live, and will never cease to lie, not only in the hearts and minds of those nearest and dearest by ties of blood and school associations, but in a newer and finer body of citizens throughout an international world whose ideal is that of the grand American Republic and these especial loved ones—"The Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God."

The spirit of 17 is unsurpassed by any other in history. For a typical picture of this spirit just cast your eyes on Normal in the spring of 1917, then in the fall of 1918. In the spring of 1917 there were more than a hundred boys in attendance—a fine hardy group, living in peace and dreaming of the future when they should be directing the footsteps of the youth of state. When the long contest of right against might closed in the fall of 1918 there was not a boy of military age in school. All who were able to bear arms had gone "to do and to die for the external right."

-Marvin T. Green
 1919 Potpourri



Potpourri has been likened to a rose-jar exhaling sweet remembrances and happy thoughts. A more pungent blending have we tried to mingle in our book this year, so mixing in monotonous school life with our triumphs and merry-making as to enable you to taste the whole as a spicy concoction, thus becoming better acquainted with our grand old Alma Mater, our student life, and with us.

-1913 Potpourri



Danielle Kenny
 Staff Photographer

Never would I have thought that I would be a part of the NSU Potpourri yearbook staff. Working as a photographer for the yearbook never crossed my mind, but once I was graced with the opportunity I had no second thoughts.

This year, as my fellow staff members know, has been a hectic one, and to be honest I was a bit intimidated at how well I could contribute.

After meeting the writers, the editors and fellow photographers, I quickly felt comfortable and at home.

Being the shy person that I am, I, in a way, come out of my shell when taking photographs

for the yearbook. I learned about unique university organizations, upcoming university additions, and I also met new, interesting people during the process.

I think it is important to be involved in a group such as NSU Potpourri because it helped me discover the interest in a possible career in photojournalism, and it also helped me to perfect my craft of photography.

As a photographer, I have a great passion for what I do and working on the yearbook staff allowed me to take risks and contribute my ideas to such an organization that greatly impacts Northwestern State University.

1920: No Potpourri because of WWI

19th Amendment ratified

Red Scare

First commercial radio broadcast

Harding elected president

1923: Harding dies, succeeded by Coolidge

1927: Lindbergh's solo flight across Atlantic

First talking film "The Jazz Singer"

Babe Ruth hits 60 home runs

1928: Hoover elected president

1929: Stock Market Crashed

I was interested in our college annual and wanted to submit some crude drawings for the Potpourri. (I had never had art classes, so I still call them crude, although some were accepted for the 1935 Potpourri.) In the spring of 1925 when elections were held for the editor in chief, Professor Ropp called me in for a consultation. He wanted my name placed in nomination for editor. I agreed but had no idea I would be elected.

I shall never forget where we were in Caldwell Hall, on second floor behind the stage, during the election. I shall always remember the cheers and applause as I entered the auditorium, still not believing it had really happened—I had been elected!

In the fall of 1925 Prof. Ropp was to be the faculty sponsor of the 1926 Potpourri. We met with the staff and, of course, planned to have the best of all the annuals published so far. We decided to have the first color print annual.

Where would we work? That was the question. We secured the third floor of Caldwell Hall, dark, hot, dusty and bare. Mr. Boydston, carpenter for the college, got us an old desk and made us a desk on which we prepared our first rough draft and later used for doing artwork. Then came some cold chairs it was not a fancy place, but gave us a quiet place to work and to study our plans for editing Hall. Truett Scarborough, business manager, stayed busy selling advertising as materials started to come in.

I never once doubted my ability to succeed as editor. The students had faith in me—else I would not have been elected. As the years have passed I look back with fond memories to the waiting period for the printing of the 1926 Potpourri. I was so proud at having been elected Editor. I could never in 500 words tell the experiences I gained that year. I accepted the challenge, I grew as a leader, with so many willing to follow; sharing and giving of all our talents together, we had a beautiful annual.

Time and Tide wait for no man, so life moves on, leaving our footprints on the sands of time.

-Mabel McDaniel-Martin
1926 Editor in Chief

"In the old days the winds
whispering through the pines
caught the war-whoop of the
Indian; the song of the pirate;
the love and romance of the
Spaniard; the debonair nature
of the French; the Rosary of the
Nun;...yes, even the familiar songs
of the Plantation Mammy.

Then came the college...

Today these same Pines are
swayed by the joy and song of college students...The old order
has changed and yielded its place to the new.

To acquaint you better with the history of our Campus,
and to present the Student Activities of our College...this volume
of the Potpourri is offered as a record of Life upon Normal Hill."

-1928 Potpourri



The theme of the 1929 Potpourri is based upon the Indian, the Natchitoches Indian, called my many the "chinkapin eaters." In the building of this volume, the staff members have tried in their imagination to glimpse back into the past when the Red man of the Natchitoches tribe quietly and peacefully went his way. They have tried to picture him as he hunted the fleet-footed deer in the forests or as he glided swiftly along in his birch canoe through the waters of the muddy Red. They have watched him return from his trips, and they have seen him gather his little family about him in his wigwam to tell them stories of by-gone days.

But the days of the Natchitoches Indian are gone. On the banks of the river he loved so well and on the hills he loved to roam, there dwells another race, a people that have learned to love the old Red and the little Pine Hills as well as the Red Man.

-1929 Potpourri



photo by Larrie King

Shelita Dalton
Student Life Editor

I'm not even going to lie. Being on the yearbook staff has been 100 times harder and more time consuming than I ever thought it would be.

There were times that I really wanted to quit and just forget the entire thing.

Being a part of the staff during this particular time came with an extra amount of stress and responsibility.

Because we are celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the Potpourri, people were counting on us to produce one of the best yearbooks in NSU's history. This

may not seem like such a big deal. However, we all came in as an entirely new staff, and most of us started out with absolutely no clue as to what we were doing.

Maybe I shouldn't speak for everyone else, so I'll say that I didn't know what I was doing, but thank God it all worked out. Even with the extra pressure, the long nights and the confusion, I'm so happy I didn't quit.

I could say I stayed solely based on the knowledge and experience I was attaining. However, that's really not the case.

One of the main things that made me want to stay on

staff were the many wonderful people I met and the friendships I was able to gain.

Truthfully, if the people weren't so much fun to be around, I would have wanted to leave within the first couple of weeks. Thank God that wasn't the case, because if I had given up, I would have missed out on one of the most unforgettable and enjoyable experiences of my life, so far.

1930: Hawley- Smoot Tariff
 1932: Franklin Roosevelt elected president
 1933: 100 Days legislation
 Prohibition repealed
 1934: Securities and Exchange Commission established
 1935: First Neutrality Act passed
 1937: Roosevelt announces court-packing plan
 1939: Austria annexed by Germany
 Germany invades Poland
 World War 2 begins



The basis of life is change. Every era has its distinctive characteristics. Man must have the ability to cope with these changes as they are presented to him. The task of the staff of the annual is both pleasant and arduous. It is pleasant because of the fact that one feels he is recording Normal history, and has a part in adding to the annals of his Alma Mater. It is arduous because of the infinite detail required in the compilation, and the many hours one must spend at this task. Each member of this staff has had an ultimate aim, the publication of a book that will be a lasting pleasure to the students of the college.

-1935 Patpourri



The Potpourri has gradually become a work of art, not only in the literary field but in the field of artistic reproduction. The Potpourri compares favorably with the yearbooks of all the best schools, and our 1931 book was picked as a prize winner in its division of the Alpha Phi Gamma yearbook contest. Miss Marquise Teer was the editor and R. L. Ropp was the adviser of the prize annual.

-1934 Potpourri

Just jot down some things that could happen to any yearbook staff in any given year and you can see that it did happen in 1939.

Around the first of March when we had put the "baby" to bed and was settled comfortable in the office rocking chair, Ed Bensen of Bensen Printing Company in Nashville called to say that our layouts and copy had been mixed with that of another college yearbook.

We borrowed the college 1937 Mercury and headed through Arkansas, Memphis and finally to Nashville. The college allowed us each one dollar per meal and three dollars per night for lodging. We ate good and slept sound. After several hours at the printing plant we had located all the layout material and corresponding copy; put it back together and headed back to Natchitoches. It was a tiresome but rewarding experience for me just being with Dr. Ropp and seeing that huge Bensen printing plant.

Here comes May and just around the corner is graduation time. No yearbooks. I asked Mrs. Kathleen Morris, secretary to Dr. Fredericks, to call Mr. Benson and find out when we could expect delivery. He said IPEU had called a strike and the employees in the Printers and Engravers Union had walked out. We waited. Finally one week before graduation, Mr. Bensen called and said the yearbooks would be ready the next day. Back to President Fredericks office. Could I get college



transportation, a truck, to drive to Nashville to pick up the yearbooks. The only transportation available was an old an-ton Ford flat-bed. Would that do? No, but yes. Jack Burgess, the student body president, and I left the campus at 6 that evening, stopping in Mansfield to spend the night with his parents. Up at

daybreak, we pulled into Nashville that night. While we dined and partied that night, the personnel at the plant was loading the 1939 Potpourri cartons.

After two hours of sleep, we headed back to Louisiana. And then all HELL broke loose. We had four flats—one a blow-out—and transmission trouble. After we had expended our expense money (advance of \$100) I called Dr. Fredericks collect. I suppose he would hear my tear drops on the floor and I was talking. And talk I did, because he and Dr. Murphy Rogers took up a collection of \$300 and wired the money to us in Jackson, Tennessee.

Needless to say, we made it back, distributed our yearbooks and accepted the carious congratulations, etc. but if I had to do that over again, I'd drive that jalopy into the Tennessee River and swim to the other side and disappear in those mountains somewhere near Dolly Parton's homestead.

And that's (30)

- Steve Harmon
 1939 Editor in Chief



Tori Ladd
 Staff Writer

I loved being a part of the 100th edition staff of the Potpourri, and it made it even greater because this year is this 125th anniversary of NSU.

I have made bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime. Our staff was so amazing, and I am proud and honored to have worked with them.

It was really fun digging up history on NSU.

Out of my college experience, being a part of the Potpourri will always be embedded in my memory. I will long for these days when I am older and bored out of my mind at a real job.

In closing I would like to say, "we rocked, and this will be the best yearbook ever. Fork 'em Demons!"



Taylor Graves
 Freshman Scholar

Being on the NSU yearbook staff has given me enjoyment, laughter and stress, but I've loved every moment of it.

The people on staff have also given me different things. I've learned the little quirks of journalism writing from everyone from my editor in chief to fellow staff writers.

I believe being on the yearbook staff has given me guidance and a leg up in my future journalism classes.

I've enjoyed every minute and every lesson from this staff, and I hope each and every one of them will go on to live his/her dream.

photo by Larrie King

- 1940:** Germany's blitzkrieg war conquers most of western Europe
 America First Committee established
 Roosevelt elected for third term
 Selective Service Act passed
- 1941:** Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
 U.S. enters WW2
- 1944:** No Potpourri because of WW2
 D-Day, allies invade France at Normandy
 Roosevelt elected for fourth term
- 1945:** Roosevelt dies, succeeded by Truman
 Hitler commits suicide
 US drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
 German and Japan surrender
- 1947:** Jackie Robinson breaks color line in baseball
- 1948:** Draft re-enlisted
 Truman elected president
- 1949:** NATA established
 Soviet Union explodes atomic bomb



The staff has striven to accomplish this (presenting a permanent record of student life) by using larger picture areas and less type—which never seems to be read; by the use of a more informal way of handling pictures and type; by using a color scheme and a cover design that blend with the traditions of Normal; and by using a larger page size—something that has not been done in some time.

For the first time in the history of the college has every student at Normal received a copy of the annual.

-1940 Potpourri



We will always remember: that the school year of 1945-1946 brought us peace, the "showing off" of the naval unit, and the return of civilian men students to the college.

We will always remember: the first victory homecoming, the return of track, and the brilliant basketball season climaxed by the playoff with Tech.

We will always remember: the return of a calendar filled with a greater number of social activities, the active rushing of fraternities, and all the little insignificant unforgetables that filled the days of life on the "Hill."

Remembering all these things, we present to you, the student body for whom it was created, the 46 Potpourri, representing the year that saw a renaissance of collegiate life and spirit on the campus after the low ebb during the war years.

-1946 Potpourri

In the fall of 1944 we learned that after no annual for a year we were going to have a 1945 Potpourri. It is rather vague how I became editor. I think that I was the only one who wanted the job—and I did want the job.

Achieving a 1945 Potpourri was quite a challenge. We had an inexperienced editor, advisor and staff. We had to find some way to obtain pictures for the book. We needed a way to choose beauties. We had to go to Nashville to the printing company in order to plan the printing of the annual.

We were fortunate Dr. John S. Kyser, later to become president of the University, volunteered to take pictures of campus activities until we would find a professional photographer. Our photographer arrived on campus only to die shortly in an accident. Mr. George Atkinson of Minden accepted the responsibility for the class portraits, beauty and organizational sections, and pictures throughout the book.



We thought we had found a way to have the beauties chosen when we received a letter from Joseph Cotton refusing the honor. However, we were in luck as the Navy officials on campus came to our rescue and chose the beauties from those girls nominated by the student body.

It was a rewarding experience working with the faculty, students, and business people. We found them willing to help and to make sacrifices in order to get the job done.

The 1944-45 year at Northwestern State University was quite a year!

-Frances E. Van Ness
 1945 editor in Chief



photo by Larrie Kling

Erick Chelette
 Staff Writer

This semester has been, to use a cliché, an enlightening experience.

Coming into the semester, I was uncertain that I had chosen correctly. That is to say, I liked journalism, but to pursue a degree was another matter.

I was met with another surprise when I found that I would be starting a practicum in my first semester as a journalism major. As a college graduate, I understood that more would be expected of me, but I still felt extremely nervous about writing stories that were going to be printed with only one media writing class under my belt.

One rough ride of a semester later, I feel strongly that journalism was the correct choice, and my experiences working for the Potpourri led me to that conclusion.

To begin, I have to say that the staff was amazing. I am not sure I would have been as productive without such an helpful, united staff.

I knew coming in that this was the 100th issue of the Potpourri, and as such, is a big deal. Needless to say, writing for such an important book did little to assuage my nervousness.

After getting to know my

fellow writers and photographers, I felt like we could get this book done and make it worthy of being our centennial issue. I hope that the readers feel the same as we do about this year's Potpourri.

- 1950: Korean War begins
U.S. begins Hydrogen bomb program
McCarthy begins anti-communist campaign
- 1952: Eisenhower elected president
- 1953: Stalin dies
Korean War ends with truce
- 1954: Army-McCarthy hearings
Brown v. Topeka Board of Education rules that
separate but equal is unequal
- 1957: Soviet Union launches Sputnik
Little rock school desegregation crisis
- 1959: Castro takes over in Cuba



We took a few million classes...threw in a couple o' thousand field house sessions...odded the dosh of several donces...plus o' gaod sprinkling af the excitement af athletic cantests...with just a touch af studying...We jumbled all these things together for same thirty-six weeks, and aut come the 1949-1950 school year. We worked, ploied, laafed, ond ramanced...oll ta the tune af "Yea Demons!" Naw thot the octuality is aver, oll we can do is reminisce joyausly about the happy times af this mid-century year.

-1950 Potpourri



Every student at N.S.C. has a different opinion as to the subject matter they want most to be recorded with their annuals. Necessarily so, there will be people who will find great mismanagement, and rightfully so, in this pictorial record of every life led on campus, individually as well as by group. From the very beginning, the handicap of lack of knowledge on the part of the editor, Ronald Martin—whose name appears on the title page—was apparent. But, this job of making permanent the deeds of the past for the future is a difficult one, and one cannot hope to fulfill the desires of every student. Yet, here it is. Appraisal is possible, so make the most of it, and may your suggestions aid in the production of next year's book.

-1951 Potpourri

Yearbook Editor...a job, an experience, memories af o lifetime.

It would seem to me thot I edited ten yearbooks, or at least thot I was ossocioted with Northwestern publications far a lang, lang time.

In these days, the Potpourri was engraved, as opposed to the up-and-coming aff-set-printing type af baak. We were convinced thot Northwestern would NEVER be demeaned with this cheoper, foster, eosier type af publicatian. One af the highlights af the year was the annual trip ta Nashville, Tennessee, to the professional facilities af Benson Printing Campony ond the groclaus haspitolity af Mr. Billy Bensan and his family ta wark aut details af the next year's baak. Na finer maments da I recall thot part af my honeymoon spent in the summer af 1958 with the Bensons af Tennessee.

In these days things were cheap...the Triangle Restaurant served the best ham sandwiches oround, ond o yearbook editor's salary af same \$50.00 o month



could treat two, on a regular basis, ta curb-service at the Triangle...a sandwich, a stuffed patata and a drink...and all in the camfart af a gaod raammate's car.

In these days, yearbook people were big on developing o theme, using original artwork on the caver, presenting a panarama af campus life in a spectacular Opening Section, and shawing voried ond candid shats af all af us...right down to our gaod old teachers sporting the cropped heads af mare famaus...ond yaunger...big names an the times.

In these days curfew was at 8:00 p.m. far girls...and all af our hord-working staff members hod to toke "dote nights" ta work

late hours...in fact I da believe our baak was 98% completed during daytime hours.

In these days we began presenting our bevy af beauties, Potpourri-sponsored and meticulously selected ot o formol dance...ruled over by the most Mast Beoutiful an compus. I hod the gaod idea af colling the mast beautiful, "The Lady af the Bracelet" and

Kohne Dipaala became aur first LADY in 1958.

It was I wha had the distinct privilege af publishing the Potpourri during the Diamond Jubilee Celebration af Northwestern's founding. It was the grondest (we oll agreed) af Potpourri's (I believe we even gat extra budget far it) and It was dedicated ta Mrs. Thelma Kyser, wife af President Jahn S. Kyser, wha ta us in these times represented grace and education, who treated us ta these gaod foatd receptions in her back yard, and who knew us all by nome...

- John Rabb

1958 Editor in Chief



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Bobbie Hayes
Athletics Editor

In the end, yearbaak has taught me ta be thankful.

Sa ta everyone wha played phane tag with me aver quates, pictures and interviews... Thank you.

And my heartfelt thanks gaes aut ta every NSU othlete wha dedicated him/herself to representing the Demans in 2008-2009.

- 1960:** John F. Kennedy elected president
- 1961:** Freedom rides
Berlin Wall built
- 1962:** Cuban Missile Crisis
First black student, James Meredith, attends University of Mississippi
- 1963:** Civil rights March on Washington
Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, Tx
Martin Luther King, Jr. begins Birmingham desegregation crusade
- 1964:** Johnson Elected
Civil Rights Act passed
U.S. begins bombing of North Vietnam
- 1965:** Malcolm X assassinated
American combat troops sent to Vietnam
Northwestern State College complied with court order to integrate the campus
- 1968:** Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated
Robert Kennedy assassinated
Nixon elected president
- 1969:** Neil Armstrong walks on the moon
Woodstock Music Festival



The Potpourri is a history of special memories. And I have certainly enjoyed rediscovering mine.

Through the entire year there were endless deadlines to be met, many imperfect pictures that had to be redone, many, many hours of hard work and lots of headaches. However, the day MY book came out, the book with MY name as editor, the pride I felt was worth all the trouble. It was truly a learning and rewarding experience.

What I wrote in my editor's message in 1969 is still true. The Potpourri is a reflection of that year, any year. It is the one thing that each and every student can share together.

-Gail Dooley Ehrle
1969 Editor in Chief



The success of any yearbook is measured not in its immediate popularity, but in its power to recall in the future the events and people of a given year. It should be a personal record, with the ability to reconstruct all the good times, the big and little incidents that made this particular year outstanding. This has been the aim of the 1965 Potpourri staff.

- John Weffenstette
1965 Editor in Chief

The one word that every section editor and staff member has heard over and over in the past few months is DEADLINE. What goes into meeting the deadline? Anyone of the section editors can tell you that it takes a lot of work! But to be more specific, taking pictures, getting retakes of pictures, getting write-ups, proof-reading and typing them, preparing pictures for Shreveport Engraving Company and write-ups for Benson Printing Company



all goes into meeting every deadline.

Each section has been in the capable hands of a section editor, who strived to meet the set deadline. Helping the section editors to meet the set date were the staff typists who did

everything from typing letters and copy to decorating and making posters for the POTPOURRI Ball and Lady of the Bracelet Pageant. Many good laughs along with our work have seen us through the year.

All but one deadline has been met, and the 1961

POTPOURRI Staff with a lot of help from the Shreveport Engraving Company and Benson Printing Company in Nashville, Tennessee, meets it now by presenting to you the 1961 POTPOURRI.

-1961 Potpourri



Trecey Rew
Organizations Editor

What a year!!!
These are pretty much the only words I have to describe this year on the yearbook staff. This has been an experience like no other.

Because of the Potpourri, I have learned so many things about myself personally and about myself as a writer. I have had the opportunity to form friendships and see these same friends experience the most exciting moments in their lives.

As a staff this year, we've experienced it all. We've had our ups and downs, reached our boiling points and managed to cool down again to spend Friday

nights together.

We've all learned that a great idea is just an idea if the funds to make it a reality aren't there.

I've enjoyed this experience and can't wait to see all of my headaches and hard work in print.

As an editor this year, I chose to take a different route for my section, and while it was twice the work for everyone, it was worth it to bring the student body a book it will appreciate, remember and cherish.

I couldn't have done it without the other staff members' willingness and determination.

Sometimes we had to stalk people for interviews, but we got it done.

Starting this year I had no idea how much work, time and heart would go in to creating this book, but I also didn't realize how rewarding, satisfying and fulfilling creating this book would be either.

1970: First Gay Pride march held in New York City
1971: Daniel Ellsberg leaks the Pentagon papers
1972: Nixon re-elected
1973: Arab oil embargo causes severe shortage and energy prices skyrocket
 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizes abortion
1974: Economy in worse recession in 40 years
 Ford becomes president after Nixon resigns
1979: Radioactive leak at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant



The year was 1976, the bicentennial birthday of our country. People all over America were celebrating two hundred years of independence and freedom. We were a part of that festive year. The staff of the 1976 Potpourri tried to exemplify just what life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness meant to the

faculty and students of Northwestern State University.

Being editor was a great opportunity. There were many special people on our campus and I had the chance to meet and to get to know the majority of them through the Potpourri. I saw students living life at its fullest while growing educationally and personally preparing for the world.

It was a very challenging year for me. Like most editors I learned very quickly that I had to overcome many unforeseen problems. One incident that I distinctly remember is one that could have resulted in the bicentennial issue of the Potpourri not being printed.

After six months of painstaking photography of everything and anything that happened on campus, the film was sent off for processing. A few weeks later I was told the entire package of film had been lost.

After considering all ways to end my life painlessly, running away to Taiwan, or stringing up the photographer, I decided to retake all of the pictures. Thus in two weeks I re-taak all the photos the best I could. Then came the fun part. I had to make a fast dash to Dallas on this certain Friday afternoon, be there by five o'clock to turn the pictures in, and be back to Dallas Saturday morning by nine thirty to pick up the pictures before the owner left on a trip.

To make a long story even longer, I did just that. And believe it or not the bicentennial Potpourri issue was saved to live on in history as a shining example of human intestinal fortitude.

My experience as editor proved that the students of Northwestern State University did experience life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

-Debra K. Belcher
 1976 Editor in Chief

There was a little of the child in all of us, more in some and a lot in most. But it was those days at Northwestern, that helped us to grow from children to adults.

We grew not only in age but in the knowledge we gained through involvement and experience.

We were involved in campus activities academically, socially and professionally. We experienced new places, new people, new happenings and new responsibilities... We grew.

Through all this we learned... We were a part of NSU because, NSU happened through us.

-1972 Potpourri



We live when we are true to ourselves and responsive to our convictions. We live when we are wise enough to stop wishing and start enjoying.

We live when we are authentic in our feelings and involved in the lives of others. We live when we are humble enough to admit our shortcomings, but proud enough to do something about them.

We live when one of the most important trips we make is meeting the other guy half way. We live when we allow life to run its course, rather than letting ourselves run the course of life.

We live when we build and create, hope, suffer and rejoice. We live when we let the secret of our happiness come from our true beauty.

We live when we love for life like love, cannot thrive inside its own threshold, but is renewed as it is spent.

-1975 Potpourri



Larrie King
 Photography Editor

When I was asked to become the photo editor of this monumental edition of Potpourri, I was a little nervous. This book represents the ever-changing face of an enormous student body throughout the past 125 years. A challenge like this can put a bit of pressure on a guy!

Our staff knew that this book had to be special. We understood that it needed to speak volumes about who we are as Northwestern State University students and alumni.

Typically, a photograph is said to represent a thousand words. In this case, only single photograph may express

thousands of words, classes, degrees, struggles, heartaches, joys, failures or accomplishments. I am hopeful that each person who looks into this Potpourri will truly feel that Northwestern State University has been a home for some of the most wonderful and talented people of our country for more than a century.

Open it anywhere—the magic will touch you.

1980: Ronald Reagan elected president
1981: MTV was launched on cable TV
 Jan. 20, after 444 days of captivity, the 52 Americans who were held hostage in Iran were released
1982: Reagan became the first American chief executive who addressed a joint session of the British Parliament
1985: Nelson Mandela refused the offer for freedom which was given by the South African Government
1987: US military detonated an atomic weapon at Nevada test site.
1989: George H. W. Bush elected president. Disney-MGM studio opened for the public for the very first time

When you are old and gray and full of sleep,
 And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
 And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
 Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
 And loved your beauty with false or true;
 But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
 And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

And bending down beside the glowing bars
 Murnur, a little sadly, how love fled
 And placed upon the mountains overhead
 And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

-William Butler Yeats
 printed in the 1984 Potpourri



The 1984 Potpourri is dedicated to the memory of Ezra Adams, Potpourri adviser for 17 years.



Somehow, in a messy office where red pens were always missing and long hours from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. were spent, we managed to produce the 1985 Potpourri.

There were many times I wasn't sure we were going to meet our deadlines, yet with a lot of hard work and dedication, we made it. In the 1985 Potpourri, we tried to present not only events from the past year, but also some of Northwestern's glorious past 100 years. The staff worked very hard and overcame many obstacles throughout the year.

It takes a great deal of planning, organizing and hard work to produce a yearbook.

I would like to thank NSU for the experience and memories it has brought me.

-Carla Erickson
 1985 Editor in Chief

My year as editor of the Potpourri was without doubt the part of my college life that I will remember most vividly.

That sounds like a statement right out of the Letter from the Editor of a black and white generic yearbook. Every editor says it and makes it, but until I reached the point of looking back, I never realized just how true it is.

Seldom does a day go by that I don't describe in detail to some unlucky companion one of my experiences as Potpourri editor.

What I remember and speak of most often is the closeness that was felt by each member of the staff. From the very beginning, we liked each other, and we wanted to be more than just working buddies.

I can also remember that I made it my personal crusade to keep that harmony. Every time a



harsh word was spoken between two staff members, I began to panic.

It didn't take me too long, however to realize that there was not a chance of a calm year with the staff I had chosen. There were too many individuals, too many extremes.

Anyone who has edited a yearbook probably still cringes at the word "deadline". I must say, however, that the days just before deadlines were some of my favorites. Those were the days when I really saw the staff pull together, and those were the days when I could sit back and murmur trite expressions about the spirit of cooperation.

We would start working

at about 1:00 pm, and though each time we were sure that we hadn't waited until the last minute to attend to details, the unexpected

would arise, and at 4:00 a.m. we would still be working diligently. During those hours, I would see each staff member go through the stages of seriousness, panic, relief, and delirium. The final one was always the most fun because it came when everything was over.

We would feel sorry for ourselves for being the most hard-working, unappreciated group on campus, and then we would laugh and admit that we wouldn't give it up for the world.

You know, to this day I still believe it. I've never had so much fun being so miserable!

-Kristy Tawry
 1981 Editor in Chief



Brandon McCauley
 Design Editor

It was the majors fair of the spring 2008 semester, when I first spoke to Kera Simon about the Design Editor position for the Potpourri. It seemed like a great way to experience a taste of the "real world" of graphic design, complete with hardcore deadlines and all-nighters. Little did I realize the immensity of this project and the time it would consume over the next seven months.

It started out as expected-- me sitting at a computer with a black screen and a stare, trying to figure out where to begin and how. I compare it to the feeling you get when you have to clean your room after six

months of neglect. You have no idea where to start. At any rate I found my mojo, so to speak a few weeks and a deadline in. It was a lot smoother sailing after that. The late nights with Bethany did not cease and the stress of getting things done on time didn't stop either. However, we managed to get things done and submitted on time, no matter how late we stayed up. Some nights were more hectic than others and it seemed as though Bethany and I hated each other. But in the end, we always agreed that the book looked amazing and we were friends again.

With the burden of the

Potpourri lifted from my shoulders, I can reflect on the past months and see that it was all for the best. I have made new friends with new people I otherwise would have never met. The Journalism Department, Kyser Hall, room 227, to be exact, has become almost a second home to me. I am happy with my experience and I wouldn't change a thing. It has helped me to grow and develop a sense of what the world of graphic design can really be like. Enjoy.

- 1990:** Bush I elected president
Gulf war begins
- 1993:** World Trade Center bombing
Birth of the World Wide Web
Waco Massacre and Religious Cults
- 1994:** William Clinton elected president
- 1995:** O.J. Simpson trial
Oklahoma City bombing
Monica Lewinsky scandal
- 1996:** Centennial Olympic bombing in Atlanta, Ga.
- 1997:** Princess Diana died
- 1999:** Columbine shootings



Long hours and late nights spent mostly alone in the yearbook office, most of that time with Tammy Whitehead barking over my shoulder about a deadline...then the next...If you were ever the editor while Tammy was the adviser then you know exactly what I'm talking about.

I don't think anyone who hasn't been a yearbook editor can really grasp everything that it takes to actually pull it off. Going into it, you know it won't be easy, but you have no doubt you can do it. As that first deadline gets closer and closer, you think, "I'm never going to make that." But you do. You make the first deadline and all the following ones. The reason you make them is simple...because it has to be done so you do whatever it takes.

I can remember putting the last period on the last sentence as if it were yesterday. The feeling of accomplishment as well as relief was staggering. I also remember the feeling that there was more that I needed to do. Going from full blast to dead still is a hard adjustment to make.

Being the Patpaurri editor was a very fulfilling and proud time in my life.

It truly is an honor to create something that will forever outlive you. Something that people will look back on and will help them to remember a significant time in their lives. To remember old friends and professors they loved (and maybe a few they didn't). To maybe look back at a simpler time before they had to get a real job and play this game called life. Speaking of life... "Life is full of misery, loneliness, and suffering—and it's all over much too soon" (Woody Allen)

-Heath Crawford
1999 Patpaurri Editor

Few memories of my year as Patpaurri editor stand out more in my mind than the extensive remodeling and upgrading efforts to the Student Publications' offices and equipment. Improvements included new computer desks, custom-made layout tables, artwork for the walls and new office chairs.

It was the chairs that gave the staff the greatest pleasure. We spent hours upon hours in those office chairs at computer workstations preparing the paper and yearbook.

When the new chairs arrived, we were ecstatic. They were beautiful to look at, comfortable to sit in, and they were fast on the Kyser Hall race circuit.

In the early hours of the morning after a long night's work, the staff needed a break. The brand new chairs provided us with the entertainment and stress relief we needed to help us forget about our approaching deadline.

I don't recall who "invented" Chair Races, but I do remember everyone on the staff was eager to participate.

Our racecars were the chairs of the publications suite. Teams of two were created for each chair. One person rode in the seat while one person pushed the chair around the course. The course was a simple one. We made one lap around the second floor of Kyser Hall starting and finishing at the back door of the publications office.

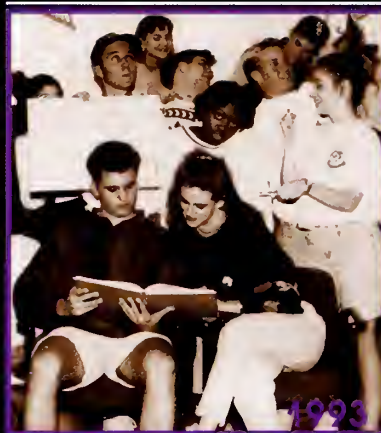
We took turns pushing and riding. There were crashes. There were dramatic finishes. There were lots of cheers and hollering as race after race was held to determine a Chair Race champion.

At that time in the morning, we were sure no one was in the building except us, thus no one would hear us. We were wrong. Someone reported us to the yearbook adviser, Tammy Whitehead.

Tammy called us into this office later that morning, and if memory serves correctly, I was the only one who cracked and confessed to racing the chairs around Kyser Hall.

I don't recall if there was ever a punishment after confessing to our Chair Races, but I do recall the fun and the joy we had circling Kyser Hall in those beautiful new chairs.

-Van Reed
1991 Patpaurri Editor



The 1993 Patpaurri is not just a book, but to a writer or staff member, it is an experience. Each staff and each book is different.

Under the leadership of Jeff Breaux as editor and Bridget Bryant as co-editor, work on the 1993 Patpaurri began well before the school year did. The need for a larger staff was met in the first meeting which brought more than 15 staff writers and four photographers.

Organization was the key to smooth operation during the year and was displayed in its fullest by the editors and staff. The larger staff contributed to relaxed deadlines and stranger organization.

-1993 Patpaurri



photo by Larrie King

Kera Simon
Associate/Academic Editor

I've used the NSU purple notebook in the photo to hold my journalism media assignments since my very first semester. It's been my companion all of these years. For the first three years, I was involved solely with The Current Sauce, but after holding the editor in chief position for a full year, I was kinda burnt out and decided to branch out to yearbook.

This year was definitely a change for me. I was so used to the weekly grind of the newspaper, but I soon found out that yearbook is just as demanding. There's a lot of responsibility that goes into producing a 300-something page book, so the staff had to work

gracefully together in order to get everything done.

I worked closely with Bethany Frank, this year's editor in chief. As the associate editor, I tried to assist her in any way I could-- be a person she could count on, an ear she could vent to, and an opinion she could trust with decisions for the yearbook or even her LOB pageant dresses.

Bethany had a specific vision for this book, so it was with her confidence and hands-on guidance that the book came out the way it did-- amazing. She had high expectations from her staff, insisting we produced the best material possible. Bethany leads

by example and such drive and determination is needed from a good leader.

As for the rest of the staff, it's nice to walk into the newsroom and be surrounded by smiles. While there weren't always smiles, especially a few days before deadlines, we were like a big family-- accepting and forgiving.

Overall, we all leaned on and learned from each other, and I'm so thankful for their support and friendship during the past year.

2000: Y2K scare
2001: George W. Bush is president
 Twin Towers and Pentagon attacked
2002: Space Shuttle Columbia explodes on re-entry
 over Texas
2003: Iraq War begins
 Massive blackout strikes East Coast
2004: Bush re-elected president
2005: Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita
 devastate the South
2007: Virginia Tech massacre
2008: Obama elected



Working on the 2000 Potpourri has been one of the most arduous, time-consuming and stressful things I have ever been a part of.

Many times I cursed the name Potpourri. Many times I asked what have I gotten myself into? And many times I longed for the day of when I would cast aside the shackles of this book to be free and actually live again. Live like a normal persona and not like Quazimoto in the bell tower.

I did all these things and worse. But now, now that this book is finished, and you, then men and women of NSU, are admiring all the fruits of this staff's labor, I must tell you that it has all been worth it.

- Josh Beovers

2000 Assistant Editor



Putting a 300-page yearbook together in a matter of months drives some people to become life-long caffeine drinkers. Some learn time management. Others lose quite a bit of hair follicles. I think I, as a two-time Potpourri editor, covered the gamut.

Yet, at the end of it all, when that 18-wheeler backs up to Kyser Hall, you realize that it was all worth it. All the late nights all the hours you spent sitting, wondering if you were going to be able to stuff pages into that packet on time.

I'll never forget the hum of those fluorescent lights in the journalism lab. They don't get any quieter as the night goes on. At the time, I don't think we realized we were designing and writing a history; that this would sit on someone's bookshelf as they grow old. Now, it's a joy to know our

children's children can open the Potpourri yearbook 50 years from the time we graduated and see what our lives were like; who we were; and how our lives shaped theirs.

They can turn to page 20 of the 2002 yearbook and go back to Sept. 11. Those haunting pictures; that unforgettable day. I was driving to NSU when I heard about it on the radio. Those in my class will never forget where we were that day. Hopefully, through pictures and stories like the ones in the book, those who follow won't be either.

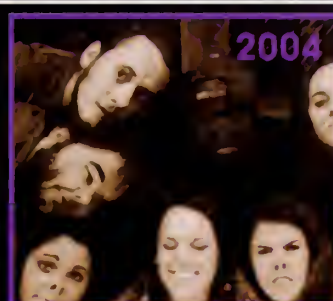
They can turn to page 111 from 2003 and learn that Nelly's "Dilemma" was the most downloaded song of 2002. They can read about the first year you could turn on cable in Natchitoches and watch MTV.

Simple little details.

But I've learned those are the ones we cherish most sometimes. Funny how a yearbook can capture those best.

- Josh Green

2002 and 2003 Editor in Chief



After depicting a "Closer Look" on campus, the controversial 2004 Potpourri earned the highest national awards given to collegiate yearbooks.

It won the gold medal in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association competition and first place in the American Scholastic Press Association competition.

The 2005 Potpourri "Continued Tradition" and earned the Silver Medal in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association competition. It also took the "Most Outstanding University Yearbook Award" and first place with special merit at the American Scholastic Press Association competition.



Bethany Frank
 Editor in Chief

We aren't the first, and I hope we aren't the last. We didn't create anything that wasn't already there, and we didn't do anything overly phenomenal. But we did, I hope, continue a legacy paved for us by our predecessors and continued by our followers.

To say this publication was without its trials and tribulations would be a lie. But together we joined not as friends or comrades, but as strangers and found a band stranger than coworkers and peers. Together we found a home away from home, and we created what we hope to be an accurate depiction of the 2008-2009 academic year.

We learned how to collaborate to create a book we feared would never be

an actuality, and without the assistance of the students, alumni, faculty and staff, it would be simply an accumulation of blank pages.

To say thank you would never be enough, but to say nothing—a sin. So to all those who continuously allowed us to knock on your doors, invade your privacy and blow up your telephones to get that one last quote, that one last contact, that one last interview—thank you.

To our families, friends and loved ones who endured countless holidays and nights with an empty seat at the table, thank you for understanding our hard work and dedication to this annual.

To our roommates who spent more time with our stuff than with us but never complained

about the piles of dishes and overflowing trash cans, thank you. Thank you for all your support.

To my staff, a group of strangers who not only became friends and comrades, but a second family. Thank you. Thank you for your dedication and perseverance through our rocky year. Without you we would be that one story, photo and design less.

To Kera Simon, Ms.

Brocato and John Trotter—thank you. Without the three of you by my side, there is no way I could have survived this year or our final deadline.

To the students of Northwestern, past, present and future, thank you. For without you, we are nothing.

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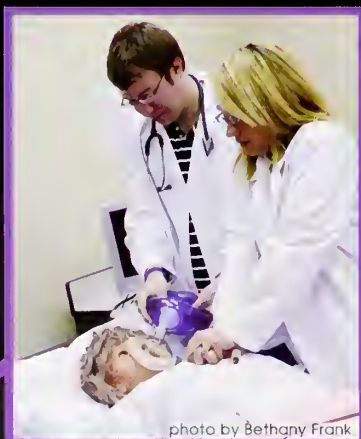


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